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# MPs pay: voters say No

Martin Kettle and Michael White

**M**PS who vote tonight in favour of the proposal for a £9,000 pay rise for backbenchers will do so in defiance of public opinion. A Guardian/ICM poll today shows that voters are overwhelmingly opposed to increases on such a scale, whether for MPs or ministers.

But, with tonight's Commons majority on a knife-edge, ICM brings better news for John Major and his prospective successor, Tony Blair. More than a third of voters think the award of £143,000 to the Prime Minister would be "about right".

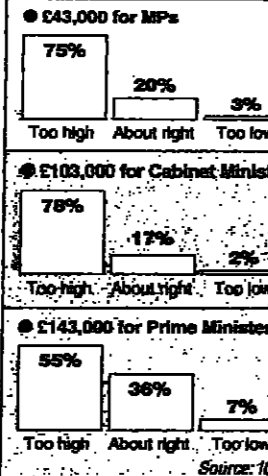
That is still a clear minority, but significantly more supportive than the public mood towards big rises for MPs or ministers — whose claim to a "catch-up" award after a decade of restraint is being resisted by Mr Major and Mr Blair in favour of another self-denying formula worth 3 per cent from July 1.

It emerged last night, however that shadow cabinet members, including Ann Taylor, David Clark and Michael Meacher, refused to support Mr Blair's plea for unanimity on 3 per cent.

Some MPs, backed by ministers and Labour frontbenchers, are determined to insist on the full independent award from the Senior Salaries Review Body, worth around 26 per cent. Others fear that public pressure — plus the concomitant cut in their lucrative car mileage allowances — makes discretion the better part of valour.

MPs whose seats are far from London could lose from setting higher taxable salaries, but lower tax-free mileage, which the report proposes. Either way three

MPs salaries



quarters of the electorate regards the proposed salary of £43,000 for backbench MPs as too high, compared with current pay of £34,000.

More than half of all voters think the figure is "far too high". Only 3 per cent think it is too low. An even larger majority of 78 per cent disapproves of the recommended £103,000 salary for cabinet ministers, with only 2 per cent thinking that too low.

The poll asked voters: "The Senior Salaries Review Body has recommended that MPs' salaries be £43,000 per annum from next year. Considering the job done by MPs and the salaries paid for comparable work elsewhere, what is your view of this level of salary?"

In reply, 53 per cent said it was far too high and 22 per cent a little too high, a total of 75 per cent. Two per cent thought it was a little too low and only 1 per cent thought it was far too low. Twenty per cent of voters thought that £43,000 was about right.

Asked about the recommendation that a cabinet minister's salary rise to £103,000, 51 per cent of voters said such

an award would be far too high, with a further 27 per cent thinking it was a little too high. Seventeen per cent think £103,000 is about right.

Public opinion softens a little on the proposal that the Prime Minister receive £143,000. Fifty-five per cent think the figure is too high, 7 per cent too low. However, 36 per cent of voters say the award would be about right.

Tonight's votes on a series of options promises to reflect the traditional Commons shambles on MPs' pay. Nominally these are free votes, but frontbenchers will be expected to back their leaders. Some MPs resent Mr Blair's stance just as they resented Lady Thatcher's in the 1990s: both have a high-earning spouse. The result may turn on discreet abstentions.

ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged over 18 by telephone on July 5-6. Interviews were conducted across the country and results have been weighted by the profile of all adults.

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Prison survivor wakes at dawn and walks in Hyde Park



Nelson Mandela amid the military splendour of the Queen's welcome in London yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: JACQUELINE ARZT

## Labour bid to end poll row

Michael White Political Editor

**T**HE Labour leadership will consider tonight a compromise formula for resolving the running battle over this year's shadow cabinet elections in which it would agree to stage the contest in two week's time rather than after a protracted campaign in November.

If shadow cabinet backs this option, it could be accompanied by an official appeal to fractious MPs to back the entire front bench.

This appeal could be led by Labour's deputy leader, John Prescott. His standing among backbenchers may be high enough to save vulnerable frontbenchers like Harriet Harman.

Tony Blair, concerned that a shadow cabinet election would weaken the main fight against John Major, has been told by his chief whip, Donald Dewar, that he would succeed if he asked next week's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to cancel this year's campaign — but only at a price in terms of ill-will.

Many MPs, not all of them leftwingers, believe passionately that their right to pass judgment on their frontbench team remains an important one. Modernisers argue that the "beauty contest" approach is too crude and predict that Mr Blair would not feel bound to honour the results if Labour wins the coming general election.

Ms Harman, now shadow health spokesman, is thought vulnerable because of her decision to send her younger son to a suburban grammar school after sending her elder boy to the Quatory, a Catholic grant-maintained school in west London, also chosen by Tony and Cherie Blair.

Some MPs are claiming that a Prescott-endorsed vote for the status quo would also save Michael Meacher, Joan Lester and shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, whose tough law and order stance has alarmed many MPs.

## Why I'll vote for the rise:

Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South:



"MPs are over-worked and grossly underpaid for their services. This pay rise has been recommended by an independent body and I do not see why MPs should demean their findings by voting it down for hypocritical reasons. If the shop stewards argue that we are worth this rise, we should take it.

If I was working outside the House of Commons as a barrister I would be earning £250,000 a year, not £34,000. I am fed up with the designer haircut hypocrisy of Tony Blair whose wife Cherie as a barrister is bringing in a third of million a year while he is urging Labour members to vote for 3 per cent. John Major is taking a similar hypocritical line in arguing for pay restraint.

I come to work in a 1.6

Vitre Rover from Hackney — which does not qualify for the highest car mileage rate (74.1p). I am a divorced man. I do not have a big house; in fact I would say I have one of the smallest flats in Hackney, so I am not living in luxury.

Under the present rules I can only pay my staff £7,000 a year. I want to be able to increase this so I shall also be voting for higher office allowances. Then we can pay our staff decent wages for the essential work in our constituencies.

## Why I'll vote against the rise:

David Porter, Tory MP for Waveney:



"WHEN I first got into Parliament in 1987 I doubled my salary from £9,000 a year, as a Tory agent to Jim Prior, to £18,000 a year as an MP. Conservative Party agents are some of the lowest paid

people in the country so it was quite a relief to get the MP's salary at that time.

I drive to Parliament in an L-registered Ford Fiesta from my home in Lowestoft. We do have another car, an M-registered Espace, but it's a top of the range model.

I came here to do a job I love so I wanted to devote all my time to it, so apart from two payments from two political opinion polls, I have never accepted any consultancy work. My only other income is the rents of a few small shops in Lowestoft and I share this with my sister.

My wife does not work now, although she did work part-time for me as my secretary at one time. We have four children and all of them are educated at state schools. We do have a comfortable lifestyle. I live in a five-bedroom detached house in a nice but not too posh road in Lowestoft.

I really do not believe MPs should get a 26 per cent pay rise when we are urging other people like teachers and nurses to accept pay restraint. I know the pay rise has been recommended by an independent body but I don't think the public will see it that way."

## 'Nelson, Nelson, Nelson' chant the children as Mandela accepts a royal welcome

Ruaridh Nicoll

**U**NDER a tearful sky the car rolled across the gravel strewn earth. Horses fretted under the red tassels of the Household Cavalry. The 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards stood stock still as a sergeant walked among their line checking to see that their kit was perfect and correct.

Out of the Rolls Royce's window Nelson Mandela's wide smile encouraged the roar of the 6,000-strong crowd. "Nelson, Nelson, Nelson," chanted scores of children. Above the Horse Guards building, the new South African flag unfurled as the band struck up the anthem.

For Mr Mandela, who once came to London as a fugitive, the Queen threw a wide smile, her royal figure a slash of yellow across the braid of the uniformed worthies be-

hind. Mr Mandela shook her hand and turned to the front where the band played on. Admirals, ministers, field marshals and royalty peered out from the Camelot-style pavilion which was topped by a streaming red pennant.

Mr Mandela flew in to Heathrow airport late on Monday and was whisked into London to his room at the Dorchester hotel, beginning a four-day state visit.

Twenty seven years of prison has left an indelible mark on the way he sleeps and so, waking with the rising sun, he walked in Hyde Park at 5.15am yesterday, greeting the early morning commuters with hand shakes and smiles.

By mid-morning the public began to gather at the edge of the Mall and mobbed the narrow entrance to the Horse Guards parade ground. The band struck up, of all things, the theme to Star Wars.

Much of the crowd that fought to get seats at the ground, and no-one pushes and shoves with the fervour of royal watchers, were South Africans who fled into exile during the years of apartheid.

Hundreds of schoolchildren sang and chanted. "Mandela is one of the few people I admire," said Popo Yusuf. "Certainly the only person I would have left north London to come and see."

Once the ceremony was over — guns fired salutes from Green Park and Prince Philip showed Mr Mandela the troops — horse drawn carriages took the dignitaries towards Buckingham Palace and lunch.

Mr Mandela leaned back beside the Queen and raised his hand to the cheering crowd. The guards wheeled and trooped away down Birdcage Walk, the cream of an army with a long history of campaigning in South Africa, and the parade ground fell silent but for the departing crowd.

During the visit, Mr Mandela will gladhand Britain's leaders in business, politics and the aristocracy. But yesterday, as the crowd delighted in seeing the prisoner turned statesman, it was the people who received Mr Mandela's great smile.

The rest of the day drifted past, leading towards last night's great state banquet at Buckingham Palace where all the royals, except the Princess of Wales, gathered. By then, the Queen Mother had already met Mr Mandela, having invited him over for tea at five.

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All the kitsch of lime green leggings



Simon Hoggart

BRITISH people once knew how to behave, but our country is now irredeemably vulgar. Hello magazine includes "exclusive" pictures of Paul Gascoigne's wedding, including a photo of himself and another guest urinating.

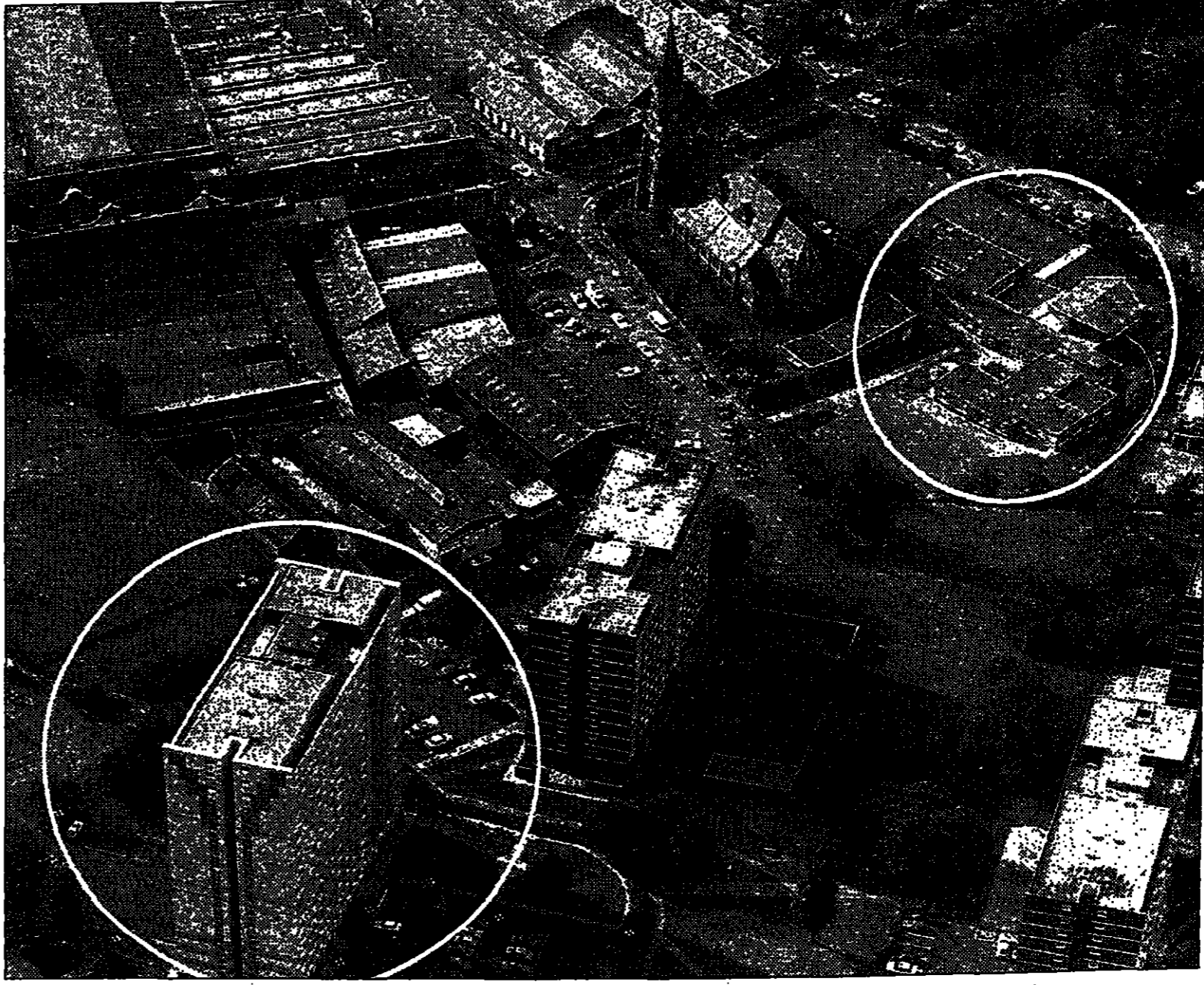
role models.) Undeterred, he continued his paeon to the merchants of death. "Britain is second in the world only to America in supplying arms!" he cried.



Ahmed Malik... suffered fractured skull

Third police search of tower block reveals fugitive hiding in a cupboard

Police discovered him in a cupboard in a corridor on the eighth floor of Villiers House, near St Luke's infant school where the incident took place.

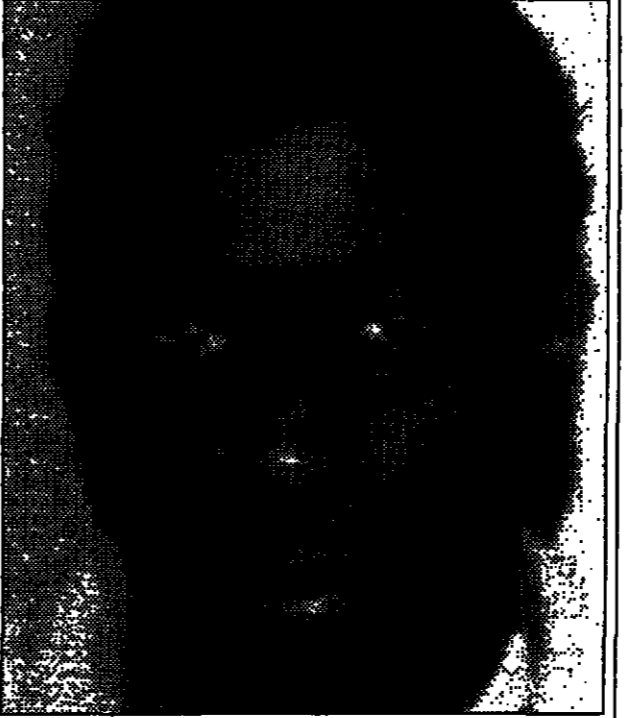


St Luke's infant school (ringed top right) and Villiers House, the block of flats where police concentrated their inquiries (bottom left) PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE HILL

School attack: man held

A MAN was arrested last night in connection with Monday's attack at a Wolverhampton infant school which left seven people injured.

Five of the victims. Two adults and the three children injured in the incident remained in hospital and were said to be in a stable condition.



Horrett Campbell... known locally for strange behaviour

Profile

HORRETT Campbell, known by police in connection with the attack at St Luke's school, is a well-known face in Blakenhall.

would never buy a drink." said Mr Patel. "He would just lean against the door, always wearing his little pork pie hat, and stare at people.

Horrett Campbell moved into Villiers House, a 10-storey block, in 1983 just after leaving school. Five years later the council designated the block as accommodation for single young people.

image and joined a popular local reggae sound system, Ambassador. Old fans remember that one of the Ambassador's songs was very popular in local clubs.

Residents became more wary of his increasingly eccentric behaviour, which on one occasion involved setting fire to one of the cars he had restored.

First night Exciting duo shine in masterpiece

Edward Greenfield La Traviata Covent Garden

With Sir Georg Solti conducting, it was a rare occasion that had one experiencing the opera afresh as though newly minted, and the live recording, which appeared within months, confirmed that was no illusion of the moment.

all but spontaneously to be expressing her deepest emotions. Her floating of gentle high notes in the two great arias, Ah fors e lui in Act 1, Addio del passato in Act 3, is so flawless that she makes it sound easy.

US Gulf 'smart' bombs hit budgets not targets

Martin Walker in Washington

THE Pentagon heavily over-estimated the military effectiveness of the famed "smart" weaponry of the Gulf war, a four-year official survey reports today, as it questions the sky-rocketing cost of the new munitions.

more such victories, according to the report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the main watchdog of the US government.

Smart weapons accounted for only 8 per cent of the tonnage of bombs dropped on Iraq, but for 64 per cent of the munitions costs. The Pentagon, infatuated with the promise of the new munitions, has \$58 billion-worth of

smart weapons on order — more than the cost of Britain's annual defence budget.

effectiveness demonstrated in Desert Storm to characterize higher-cost aircraft as generally more capable than lower-cost aircraft, says the declassified summary.

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lets and even clubs and bare hands in the back streets of Mogadishu in Somalia.

School expulsions top 11,000 for second year

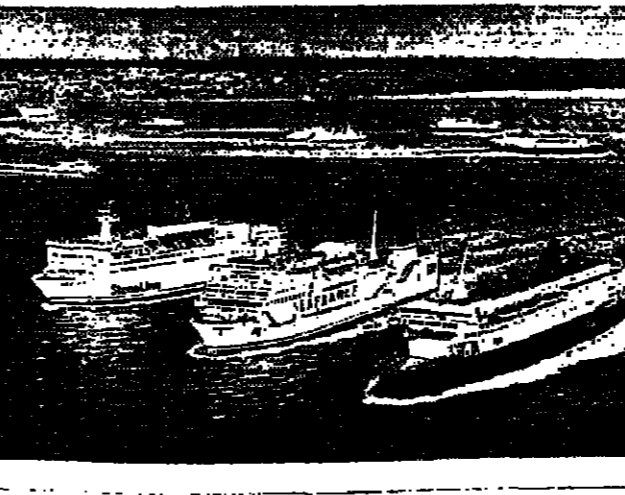
Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

ROBIN SQUIRE, the schools minister, told a National Children's Bureau conference in London that forthcoming figures would show permanent exclusions in England and Wales in 1994/95 had topped 11,000 for the second year running.

The Government would legislate if necessary to appeal panels, which had attracted criticism but which were trying to strike a balance between the interests of the excluded pupil and the majority of children in schools.

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Hoxton Square, where buildings now house art studios

# Artists create a Left Bank in the east of London

Dan Glinister  
Arts Correspondent

**S**O YOU wanna be an artist? Think you can pick up sheep and pour concrete with the best of them? Think again. Before picking up the palette or looking for Mr Seatchi's number in the phone book, let alone considering an art course, the aspirant artist should relocate to the East End of London.

Although fine artists remain an unrepresentative minority in the soap East-Enders, research by the London Arts Board reveals that

10,000 fine artists, a quarter of the total in the country, work in a two square mile area between the Thames and Hackney town hall.

With the highest concentration of artists in western Europe, the East End is Britain's unlikely answer to the Left Bank of Paris. Even the Chelsea Arts Club, the venerable south-west London home to Britain's artsy community, is rumoured to be seeking a new home in the east.

Last month's announcement of the Turner Prize shortlist, the art world's Booker, included two artists with studios half a mile apart in the East End. The prize



Artist Georgina Starr, who has exhibited at the Tate, moved into Hoxton Square some years ago PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID BILLIOTT

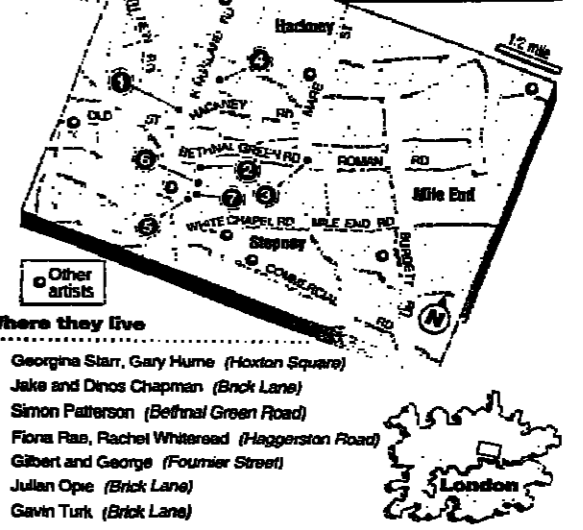
was won last year by Damien Hirst, who earned the nickname "the Godfather of Hackney" before relocating to Brixton and then Devon. Two years ago the prize was won by Rachel Whiteread, whose concrete-filled House could be found in an East End park. She now divides her time between fashionable Berlin and even more fashionable Strat-

ford, east London. Next week the Whitechapel Open begins, involving 1,200 artists in the East End, exhibiting at five locations or opening their studios to all and sundry. The biennial event is a daunting example of the extent of artistic endeavour in the east. "It is an indication of the number of artists who are pursuing this seriously," said Cath-

erine Lampert, director of the Whitechapel Gallery, which is co-ordinating the open. "It began when the docks started to shut down in the late sixties, and then spread much wider. "Now there are probably 20 openings every week in the area. We received over 2,000 submissions." The reason for the concen-

tration of artists is a simple one: money. East London has a high proportion of disused light industrial buildings offering cheap rents and large spaces for studios. Georgina Starr, who has exhibited her video-performance installations at the Tate, moved into Hoxton Square some years ago. "There was a lot of derelict

## London's art end



**"We came here for cheap rent and very big spaces, and we liked the idea of a community of artists."**

- Matthew Flowers, Hackney gallery owner

property at reasonable prices," she said.

If there's one thing the owners of derelict buildings like, it is occupants willing to put up with less than ideal conditions. "Property developers love artists," said artist Simon Patterson, one of the East Enders on this year's Turner Prize shortlist. "If you leave a building unoccupied for six months it decays. Artists stabilise a building."

Matthew Flowers, who runs Flowers East, a gallery in Hackney, moved into the area in 1988 after running a gallery in the West End for 18 years. "We came here for cheap rent and very big spaces, and we liked the idea of a community of artists," he said.

While many areas offer cheap rents and large buildings, two organisations, Space and Acme, have acted as catalysts behind the expansion in the East End. "They've been incredibly helpful in taking over buildings, and because of their charitable status they don't have to pay rates," said Mr Flowers.

Acme takes advantage of the progressive policies of arts organisations in other countries. One street is managed on behalf of a Swiss cultural foundation, a Swedish group inhabits a unit in Aldgate administered by Acme, while Austrian and Australian groups also feature.

In the past Acme has worked with landlords to rent disused industrial buildings, but now it is looking to bypass the landlords and buy properties with the aid of lottery money. Its first purchase, awaiting a decision on lottery funding, was in Bow, east London. "The difference now is that if you want to get organised you've got the National Lottery," said John Sharples, one of the authors of the London Arts Board's report into artists in London. "There is more to the phe-

nomenon than Money "There is a clustering," said Mr Sharples. "Visual artists, who tend to be solo, seem to benefit from living close together."

It could be that young artists are the beneficiaries of trickle-down Thatcherism. In the past, being an artist was too risky," said Michael Craig-Martin, an artist, Tate Gallery trustee, and the teacher behind many of the better known names of BritArt. "The mentality seems to be that now, with job security undermined, everything is too risky, so you might as well do what you want."

Matthew Flowers points to the development of a parallel economy, with suppliers of materials in the area "not to mention galleries and spaces where they can exhibit". Kate Bernard embodies the spirit of the East End artists. She recently bought a house between Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market, which will function as her home and an exhibition space. "In Spitalfields there's not necessarily beauty all around but there's a lot going on. Artists, designers, tailors, furniture makers, people reviving traditional crafts. You've got this mix of styles and energy."

The first show in her home is of drawings by artists who live or work nearby. Hirst, Cornelia Parker, Gavin Turk, Jake and Dinos Chapman, Julian Opie, it is something of a who's who of the contemporary British art scene.

But the essential tool for a successful contemporary artist is the right phone number. Not surprisingly, many of the East End artists share similar phone numbers. Like the lucky phone numbers of the Far East, where certain numbers when spoken out loud are thought to invoke good luck, the numbers 609, 618, 247 are a sure sign that you are at least on the shortlist to be an artist.

# 1,000 extra troops for Ulster

Major rejects Unionist calls to overrule RUC chief on march

David Sherrock, Owen Bowcott and Michael White

**O**NE thousand extra troops are expected to arrive in Northern Ireland today as a symbol of the Government's determination to face down loyalist efforts to disrupt the province in defence of their right to stage traditional Orange marches.

With the political temperature rising after widespread overnight disorder, John Major last night warned the fragile peace process is in jeopardy, but rejected demands from Unionist MPs to overrule the RUC Chief Constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, and permit a token Orange march to the Drumcree parish church outside Portadown.

Mr Major met the three Unionist leaders, David Trimble, Ian Paisley, and Robert McCartney, in his Commons office, to hear their accusations that Sir Hugh's decision to prevent the march passing through Catholic streets was a "politically motivated" act of appeasement towards Sinn Féin/IRA. It was making a powder keg of the province, they said later.

Echoing the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Major told them that Sir Hugh had his "full support" and appealed to the

Unionist leaders to exercise the "maximum restraint".

Faced with a warning from the Liberal Democrats leader, Paddy Ashdown, that ethnic cleansing had returned to Ulster - and could only benefit the IRA - Mr Major told the Commons that loyalist violence at the weekend had been "unacceptable". He called for sustained dialogue.

Orange Order leaders have attempted to stretch the security forces' resources with a series of parades and road blocks but yesterday they appealed for loyalists to demonstrate peacefully. The return of additional troops - which takes their number above the pre-1994 ceasefire level - confirms the Government's determination to face down the challenge to civil order posed by the Drumcree siege.

Unionist leaders yesterday accepted there had been "no meeting of minds" at Downing Street. However Mr Trimble said he hoped progress had been made. He continued to blame Sir Hugh for stopping the Orange parade down Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road.

"I think the Government appreciates that with the 11th night and the 12th just 48 hours away it is essential we find a resolution of this problem in the next day or two. "I don't see that there can be a solution which does not



Protestant marchers stand behind the barbed wire in Drumcree PHOTOGRAPH BY MAX NASH

involve the Portadown brethren returning home by the direct route, probably in a similar manner to that which they returned last year. "As a fresh wave of vehicle hijackings and burnings paralysed many major roads across Northern Ireland and the province was set for another night of violence, church leaders and a senior RUC officer joined in calls for urgent dialogue to resolve the Drumcree stand-off.

The primate of the Church of Ireland, Archbishop Robert Eames, said during a visit to Drumcree: "There is no excuse or provision for the sort of violence we saw last night. "I just feel sorry that I have

to leave my home, but I know there's no way I could stay here, not after last night and the night before." The Ulster Freedom Fighters, one of the main loyalist paramilitary groups, said it supported the Orange Order's protest but in a statement called for the demonstrators to be "peaceful and dignified". It also categorically denied any involvement in the murder of Catholic taxi driver Michael McGoldrick at Lurgan, County Armagh, on Sunday night.

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# Spending curbs may fund tax cuts, insists Clarke

Larry Elliott and Sarah Ryle

**T**HE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, left the door ajar for Budget tax cuts yesterday when he insisted that tough control of public spending could compensate for the overshoot in state borrowing announced in his summer forecast.

Mr Clarke increased the pressure on cabinet colleagues by holding out the possibility of further personal tax reductions in November, provided they trimmed demands in the looming public expenditure round.

His upbeat message fuelled Labour suspicions that Budget tax cuts could be driven by electoral rather than fiscal considerations and lead to severe problems for an incoming administration. Tony Blair accused the Government of being "untrustworthy and incompetent" in its handling of the nation's finances.

The Prime Minister, keen to talk up the prospects for the economy, pointed to the Treasury's predictions that expansion would accelerate over the next year.

The Chancellor had said the economy was set to bounce back strongly in the second half of 1996 and throughout 1997, driven by the fastest expansion in consumer spending since the Lawson boom of 1988. However, the sluggish

performance this year forced him to revise his growth forecast from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent and raise his predictions for public borrowing.

City analysts were sceptical about the Treasury forecasts, saying that Mr Clarke would almost certainly need to trim base rates from their current 5.75 per cent to ensure that the economy grew at 2.5 per cent this year and 3.25 per cent in 1997.

The Chancellor did little to dampen such speculation when he said the Bank of England's inflation forecasts had "always been wrong and always been too pessimistic".

But he made it clear that he had not given up hope of delivering the tax reductions demanded by the Tory right, a move which would help to achieve his forecast of 4.25 per cent consumer spending growth in 1997.

"I will cut taxes every time there is a chance of doing so. That means when I am totally satisfied that fiscal policy is entirely on course and we are heading for a balanced budget over the medium term and we are getting public indebtedness to a sustainable level."

The latest estimates put the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement at £26.9 billion this financial year, £4.5 billion up on the prediction in last November's Budget.

With tax revenues again set to be weak, the PSBR is forecast to show a modest im-

provement in 1997-98, dropping to £23 billion.

Mr Clarke said the key point was that the PSBR was on a downward trend and only half its peak of £45.4 billion in the aftermath of the recession.

City analysts said the 1997-98 forecast for the public finances was too pessimistic. Adam Cole, economist with securities firm James Capel, said: "We strongly suspect that, having been disappointed on tax receipts in recent years, the Chancellor could now well be looking at revising the PSBR forecasts down, a perfect background for a further tranche of tax cuts."

Flanked by William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Chancellor said he was expecting a bruising spending round.

"I know the Treasury always says the spending round is going to be tough, but this year we have even made provision for extra wet towels." The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, said Mr Clarke had "wildly been forced to eat his words and admit a £12.5 billion mistake in his Budget forecast for borrowing. He has admitted that growth this year will be lower than forecast, and investment is low."

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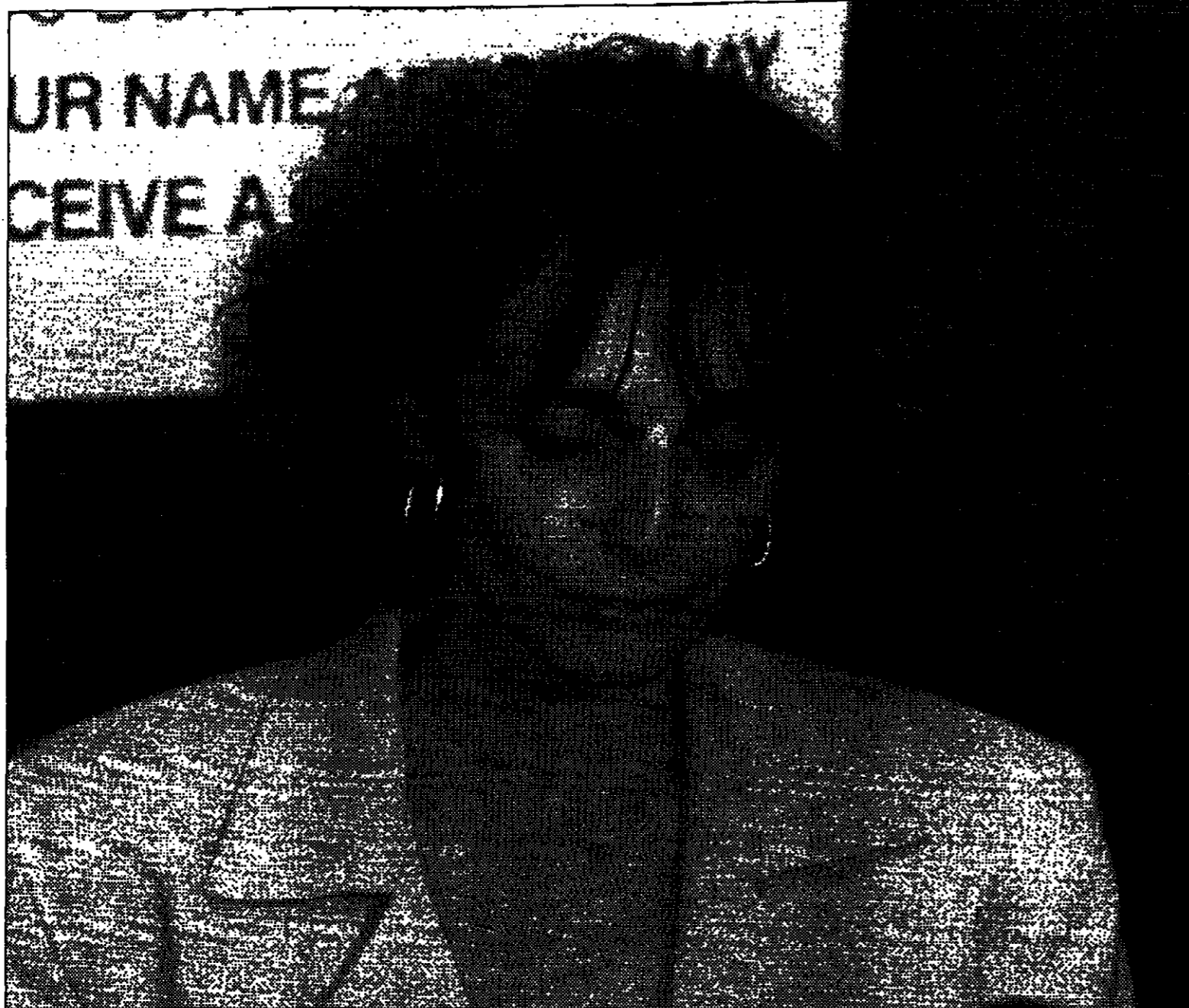
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'Jade loved life to the full. She loved sport, she loved to be with people and loved kids'



Denise Matthews (right)

Mother's plea over 'evil' act

Martyn Halsall on a cry for help in solving the murder of nine-year-old Jade Matthews

THE mother of murdered Liverpool schoolgirl Jade Matthews last night issued an emotional appeal for any information to help trace her killer.

tion — because it's evil, what happened." Mrs Matthews was flanked throughout by Detective Superintendent Geoff MacDonald, who is leading the murder inquiry, and a policeman who gripped her arms to support her.

Police are also trying to trace a boy with a black mountain bike seen at an underpass with a girl about Jade's age, about 5.35pm on Sunday evening. He was described as about 13, of medium build, with brown hair.

view three other boys seen near the Maggie May pub, near the same underpass about a mile from Jade's home in Bootle at about 9pm on Sunday, Mr MacDonald said.

mounted a search as darkness fell and she failed to return home, and the police were called in. Her body was found by a police dog-handler in the early hours of Monday.

Anglicans and Methodists take step towards unity

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

ANGLICANS and Methodists are to explore proposals for a "visibly united church" after more than two years of informal talks.

General Synod in November 1997. The major sticking point between the two churches which have tried to unite twice before — General Synod turned down the Methodists in 1972 and 1982 — is over the position of women bishops, barred in the Church of England.

that recent evidence of a dramatic decline in their membership was forcing them into unity with Anglicans. "This is not a matter of lashing two ships together to make them float. There is a lot of life in both churches," said Rev Brian Beck, co-chairman of the Anglican/Methodist talks.

other's baptism service and Eucharist, and common jurisdiction by bishops over ministers. Mr Beck emphasised that the churches were looking at "closer integration rather than merger".

according to plan, will the churches get down to actual details of an agreement. "This is not a rush job. We do envisage formal consultation with the churches before we take the formal step which we believe could be taken," said Mr Beck at a press conference in London to launch the unity consultation document.

signs of "real hope" that things had "really moved on since the collapse of unity talks in 1972".

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Knifeman preyed on vicars he met in gay bars AN armed robber who preyed on vicars he met in gay bars, was told yesterday he faced years in prison.

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Ban guns, Dunblane parents say

Sarah Bosoley

PARENTS of five of the 16 children killed in the massacre at Dunblane said yesterday that their sons and daughters had paid the price for people's right to own guns.

attack in Wolverhampton would have had far worse consequences if the attacker had had a gun. The absence of firearms meant the injuries had been less severe.

In a public appeal on the day before Lord Cullen's inquiry into the massacre is expected to end, the parents backed their lawyer, Colin Campbell, QC, who called during the hearings for a ban on civilian gun ownership and possession of guns.

Karen Turner, who lost her daughter Megan, five, is one of many who have attended the inquiry in Stirling every day.

"Guns are made to kill people. They should no longer be allowed in a civilised society," said John Crozier, whose daughter Emma, aged five, died when Thomas Hamilton opened fire in her primary school's gymnasium.

"You get out of bed, drive along the road, thinking: I'm only coming here because our children were killed and something has to be done about it. It is just unthinkable," she said.

BBC beats ITV in Euro 96 shoot-out

EURO 96 scored BBC's its best performance against ITV for five years, it is reported today.

BBC, compared with 6.32 million on ITV. For the final between Germany and the Czech Republic, BBC's coverage drew 12.62 million viewers, against ITV's 4.2 million.

BBC television's director of programmes, Alan Yentob, said: "I am delighted the viewers have backed the BBC."

BBC sports coverage had been magnificent, he said. In this summer of sport, the BBC has also shown Wimbledon and can expect keen interest in the Olympics later this month.

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# Survival plan for Roman remains

Maev Kennedy

**H**UNDREDS of land owners along the 73 mile Hadrian's Wall have agreed a management programme which should guarantee the future of Britain's greatest Roman monument, built by imperial decree and stretching from Tyneside to the Solway Firth.

The programme will oversee the huge increase in tourism which has threatened the wall's survival at some points, while maintaining the area as a working landscape.

Details of the plan were announced on the wall at Cawfields in Northumbria yesterday, by the chairman of English Heritage, Sir Jocelyn Stevens. He called the wall a fragile and irreplaceable resource of international importance, which must be handed undamaged to future generations.

Under the arrangement, the monument's condition will be monitored, a programme of academic research launched, and all future commercial development discussed and agreed.

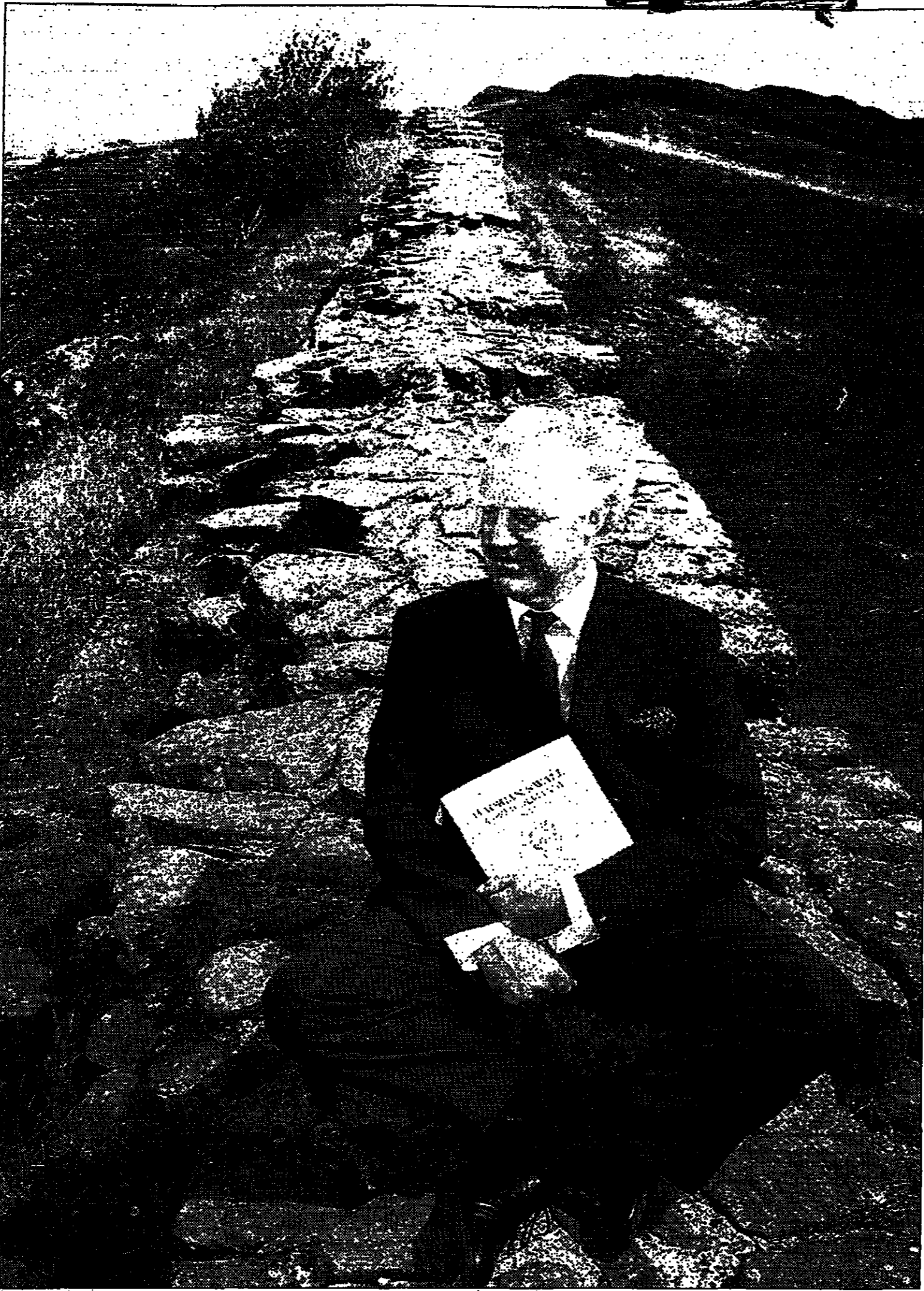
Sir Jocelyn said he hoped it would become a blueprint for the management of all of Britain's World Heritage Sites, which English Heritage is now working on.

The five metre high wall has suffered considerably since the Romans abandoned it in the fifth century. Dozens of forts and towers have been used as a cheap quarry for cut stone and the wall a convenient back wall for modern buildings and enclosures.

English Heritage has been consulting farmers, residents and local authorities for the last year. The National Trust, English Heritage itself and local authorities own some of the wall and its towns, forts and camps, but most is still in private hands.

Over 35,000 copies of the plan and a summary leaflet have been sent out with over 400 responses. Farmers were initially apprehensive, but Richard Kilson, regional director of the National Farmers' Union, yesterday said he was pleased the final plan acknowledged that centuries of agriculture were responsible for the beauty of the landscape on both sides.

Sir Jocelyn said he hoped the management plan would encourage landowners to remove planting and building from the more important sites, and to allow archaeologists on to their property.



Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, on Hadrian's Wall with a plan to secure the monument's future

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## News in brief

### Plutonium danger at Dounreay dump

A SHAFT containing hundreds of tonnes of plutonium contaminated nuclear waste at Dounreay in Scotland is in danger of being breached by the sea and will cost up to £200 million to make safe, the Government's Radioactive Waste Advisory Committee said yesterday. The shaft, 65 metres deep and close to the beach at Dounreay, had to be made safe or radioactivity could be released. It could be breached by the sea within 40 years, but the radioactivity inside it would be dangerous for 100,000 years. The danger was so great that the cheap option, costing £100 million, of sealing the shaft, was not acceptable. The more expensive option of removing the waste, packaging it and burying it at Sellafield in Cumbria was probably the best. The shaft was originally built as part of the construction of a pipeline to take low-level nuclear waste out to sea. It became redundant but the UK Atomic Energy Authority used it as a dump from the late 1950s until 1977. — Paul Brown

### Woman, 96, mugged for £7

FOUR youths, three white and one black, are believed to have mugged Maude Wood, aged 96, pushed to the ground and robbed of £7 on an afternoon shopping trip. Last night Mrs Wood, of Finsbury Park, north London, was in a stable condition at Whittington hospital, Highgate, suffering from a broken nose and facial injuries. She was near her home when attacked. A neighbour, Martin Powell, 43, who has visited her in hospital, said: "I was shocked by what I saw. Her nose is broken and split open. She has bruises all over her arms and wrists. But the plucky old girl recognised me immediately. She does not know what happened. She keeps on saying she was pushed."

### High Court fake case settled

A HIGH Court dispute between the auctioneers Sotheby's and a collector over a painting attributed to the Austrian artist Egon Schiele was settled yesterday. William Stockler, a lawyer, had brought proceedings over 'The Sleeping Girl' which he bought for \$75,000 in a December 1995 sale of impressionist and modern drawings and watercolours. He has argued that the catalogue description of the watercolour as being that of Schiele (1890-1918) was negligent in that the colouring was not genuine. Sotheby's denied owing a duty of care to Mr Stockler, of Hampstead, London, or that it was negligent. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

### Drink-drive warnings work

YOUNGER people are responding better to warnings against drink-driving than older motorists, according to a survey conducted by MORI for Privilege Insurance. Three quarters of 17 to 24-year-old drivers claimed never to drink and drive compared with 64 per cent of drivers over 25. Young male drivers were no more likely to drink and drive than their female counterparts, but older male drivers were much more likely to offend than older women motorists. Jim Wallace, marketing director for the insurance company, said: "While the figures seem rather surprising, they do substantiate the change in attitudes over the last 20 years."

### 25 compete for radio slot

SERVICES aimed at the retired, children, gays and lesbians, and the Irish community are among 25 contenders for the last slot on London's radio dial, it was announced yesterday. Favourites to win the licence for the remaining FM frequency include XFM4, a specialist alternative rock station, and Festival Radio, featuring alternative and indie music, combined with a listings service. Other contenders among bids submitted to the Radio Authority by yesterday's deadline include Saga Radio, a speech and music service aimed at over-50s, Buzz FM and London Children's Radio both for children, AIR and London Irish Radio both aimed at an Irish audience, and Radio France Internationale for London-based francophiles. Two established services are seeking a spot on the FM dial: Atlantic 253 and Capital Gold. — Andrew Cuff

### Briton on £6.5m drug charge

A BRITON has been charged with smuggling heroin worth \$10 million dollars (\$6.5 million) after US customs inspectors found pills of the drug concealed in wood carvings. Steven Bristow, aged 33, from Essex, had been charged with smuggling the drug which was seized at Kennedy International airport, New York, on July 4, said a US customs spokeswoman. He could face up to 30 years in jail. She said Bristow was detained after inspectors became suspicious of his nervous manner and took a closer look at two wooden wall carvings that he brought into the US on a Virgin Atlantic flight from London. The seizure was "one of the top five, maybe the top three" drug finds in New York in recent years, said Thomas Smith, deputy special agent in charge of the customs service's New York office.

### Children's books award

CHILDREN'S books have been taken out of the main £21,000 Whitbread Award and given an £8,000 prize of their own, to be chosen next January, it was announced yesterday. No children's novel has won the overall prize since the Book of the Year awards took their present form 10 years ago. Winning authors in the other categories of best novel, best first novel, best poetry and best biography receive £2,000, and the outright winner gets another £21,000. The prize will be chosen and announced at a prize dinner on January 21 1997.

### Prize for Irish writer

FREELANCE journalist Maire Nic Suthne has been awarded this year's £5,000 David Watt Memorial Prize for an article which was published in the Guardian. Her piece, published in the Weekend section last year and about the political allegiances of the Protestant working class in Northern Ireland, was chosen by judges looking for an outstanding contribution to the clarification of national, international and political issues and the promotion of their greater understanding.

## Yorkshire drought error

Peter Hetherington

**P**ARTS of Britain may have been knee deep in water for the past week or so, but yesterday Yorkshire Water applied to extend a drought order over the East Riding.

But at the start of a public inquiry in Hull, it admitted it had altered official figures to show peak rainfall levels 25 per cent less than those submitted by the Government's environment agency.

"This is a scandal," said Mark Kelly, of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who accused the company of falsifying data. "I cannot deny it is very dry, but this is a very naughty thing to do."

Yorkshire Water, criticised for complacency and substandard service in a report it commissioned two months ago, wants to increase abstraction from the River Hull to avoid a threat to domestic supplies in the area.

When asked about the figures at the hearing in Hull, the resource manager of Yorkshire Water, Ian Stevens, promised to investigate. "I am prepared to give the benefit of the doubt to the higher figure," he said.

The company says an extension to a drought order, widespread through the rest of its area, is necessary to protect supplies later this summer and during the autumn.

Officials said that the drought, which began in April last year, shows no sign of abating. "There is an exceptional shortage of rainfall and a deficiency of supplies, especially in the east and south," one said.

Reservoir levels in the worst affected areas, such as Calderdale, are 52 per cent below capacity.

The report into Yorkshire Water, by John Olf QC, a professor at Kings College, London, spoke of a "complete absence of any overall emergency plans" in parts of the area last year.

The campaigning group Yorkshire Water Watch yesterday maintained there was no shortage of water in the East Riding. It said the company needed to increase extraction from the River Hull to ensure domestic supplies elsewhere in its area. "They know they are pushing their luck," the group said. "They have spent millions on a new grid system but do not seem to have any confidence in their ability to deliver."

● The Consumers' Association said yesterday it was considering legal actions against Ian Byatt, director general of Ofwat, the water watchdog, because of his forceful promotion of meters for domestic users.

"We think Ofwat are breaking the law," the association's director, Sheila McKechnie, told the all-party parliamentary water group meeting at Westminster. "We are in negotiation, but there is a point at which you say to hell with it, let's see if we can continue the debate by legal or other means."

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## Car fall victim 'was grown up'

**A** STUDENT who was driving another student in his car when the latter fell out of the window during a "drunken car surfing" prank said that he regarded his friend as a grown up who could look after himself.

Oxford crown court was told yesterday. The driver, Tatsuya Yoshimura, also said he had never heard of the "surfing" practice which led to the death of Thomas Pickett, aged 21, who lost his grip on the window of the moving car.

Yoshimura, aged 23, denies causing death by dangerous driving and the alternative charge of causing death by driving without due care and attention after consuming excess alcohol.

The court heard that Yoshimura, Pickett and a fellow student of Oxford Brookes University, Monica Bader, had been out drinking before the accident on November 8 last year. The accused, who was later found to be more than twice over the drink drive limit, agreed to take the other two back to the campus.

But as Yoshimura drove, Pickett stuck himself out of the passenger window and within seconds was lying on the road with head injuries which led to his death. Speaking through an interpreter, Yoshimura, from Japan, said: "Tom uttered something. I don't remember what he said. I saw him stick part of his body out of the window. I remember him shuffling his body. I can't be certain how far out of the vehicle he was. He disappeared."

The jury was told that Yoshimura told police: "It is my after-knowledge that he was going to go surfing. I did not register anything except that he was muttering. I wasn't watching his movements. He was not stuck out very much ... Tom was a grown up. I was busy driving. I never imagined he would put the rest of his body out."

The case continues today.

## Boy 'frozen with fear after head's sex assault in dormitory'

**A**SCHOOL pupil lay "frozen with fright" as his headmaster allegedly molested him in a boarding school dormitory late at night, a court heard yesterday.

A second pupil who claimed he was touched in bed by Robert Hay told Bristol crown court: "I was very shocked. I just could not believe it had happened." A third pupil at the West Country school claimed in a video interview he was touched by Hay on two occasions as he lay in bed.

The three boys claimed that Hay had touched them after approaching their beds and pulling their duvet covers down. Hay, aged 42, who resigned as headmaster, has denied seven charges of indecently assaulting six boys, aged from nine to 12, between August 1992, and June 1995.

The judge has made an order preventing publication of the name and address of the school.

The first boy witness, then aged nine, yesterday told the jury by video link that when the assault happened in September 1992 he was "too scared to move" and "frozen with fright." He said nothing because he was afraid Hay would shout at him. When defence counsel Ian Pringle suggested the incident did not happen at all, the boy replied: "Yes it did."

The second boy, also nine at the time of the allegations, told the court via video link he said nothing after being touched because "he was the headmaster, I did not like to."

He later heard another boy had phoned Childline, and some pupils talked about things they said had happened to them.

He agreed with Mr Pringle that some boys did not like Hay, but denied they saw this as a way of getting rid of him. "I did not want Mr Hay to leave, he was a jolly good headmaster," said the boy. He was "absolutely positive" he had been touched, and later told Robert Duval, prosecuting, that he was "very worried" about what would happen to Hay's family.

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# Insurance firms join alarm over global warming

Owen Bennett Jones in Geneva

A GROUP of 58 international insurance companies yesterday called on governments of industrialised nations to achieve "early substantial reductions" in greenhouse gas emissions.

"We are worried about climate change because it is likely to cause more extreme weather events," Dr Andrew Dingolecki of General Accident said at international talks in Geneva on the 1992 climate change convention. "We are losing increasing amounts of money through extreme weather." It is estimated that a single hurricane in the United States could set the global insurance industry back by \$50 billion (\$33 billion).

United Nations officials are delighted that a group normally known for its conservatism has joined the environmental cause. "When a major industry such as the insurance sec-

tor starts to worry, so should we," says Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the executive director of the UN Environment Programme.

British insurance companies are already facing payouts of £500 million each year after a series of droughts. "A bad year of drought can cost millions of pounds in damage to house foundations," says Dr Dingolecki.

The problem is not just the cost of severe weather; insurers are also affected by the increasing unpredictability of weather.

"The fluctuations in the amount paid for weather damage by insurance companies each year are becoming greater," says Ivo Knoepfel from the Zurich-based Swiss Reinsurance Company. Unpredictability makes it more difficult for insurers to work out the level of premiums.

Insurance companies admit that global warming does produce some benefits: there is expected to be a decline in claims relating to frost damage.



Cooling off... A Russian man, his pistol in a holster, carries a friend across a pool in Moscow, where yesterday the temperature reached 39C (91F). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID BRALUCHI

General Lebed 'prepared to discuss secession'

# Chechen fighting seals end of truce

David Hearst in Moscow

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin is again deep in the quagmire of his 19-month Chechen crisis, with heavy fighting raging near the capital, Grozny, and a truce with rebels in tatters.

A day which began with his new security adviser, General Alexander Lebed, saying he was prepared to discuss the secession of Chechnya, ended in a somewhat different sentiment expressed by the top Russian military commander, who vowed to "destroy" the forces of the separatists.

Tension, already rising all weekend over the Russian refusal to take away roadblocks, exploded even before the passing of a Russian deadline for the rebels to hand over their prisoners. Last night fighting was raging around the village of Gekhi, 16 miles south of Grozny, roads in and out of the capital were sealed off, the airport was closed and the whole province was under curfew.

"The bandits decided to strip us," said the Russian commander in Chechnya, Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, a man who had made little secret of his opposition even to a partial withdrawal. "This was their response to our demand to stop provocations."

The Russians claimed they had been conducting a "check of the passport regime" of residents in the village of Gekhi when they came under fire, an explanation no one believed. They replied with air strikes and artillery. The loyalist government of Doku Zavgayev claimed the fighting erupted after Russians discovered the mutilated bodies of their comrades.

In Moscow, Mr Yeltsin discussed the deteriorating situation with his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, but how far either man was in control of events was debatable. Gen Lebed, who campaigned on a promise to stop the war in Chechnya and even discuss its partition, is due to fly to Chechnya soon.

His idea is to divide the province and give autonomy to the mountain areas which have remained steadfast in their opposition to Russian rule. However as a symbol of its power, Russia, even under the Lebed plan, would insist on keeping Grozny, which the rebels already control.

While Gen Lebed maintains the respect of the military, he

is too new in the job, and the job itself is too undefined, for him to stamp his authority on the situation. The senior military commanders despise the vacillations of Moscow's politicians. Even when the latest truce was declared, Gen Tikhomirov continued his assaults on villages, claiming the right of hot pursuit.

Each side accused the other of ceasefire violations. Gen Tikhomirov said that 47 servicemen had died and 200 had been wounded in clashes since the ceasefire was signed.

The rebel spokesman, Movladi Udugov, has urged Russia to observe the ceasefire, warning of the resumption of "large-scale" war and its "tragic consequences". Some separatist units reportedly responded to Gen Tikhomirov's demands with a threat to execute all their prisoners.

Meanwhile Gen Lebed, who in the middle of a full-scale power battle against Mr Chernomyrdin in the Kremlin, scored an important point yesterday in the appointment of a new director of the Federal Security Service (FSB), to bear a name named Kovalyov, a career KGB officer, to the job.

Mr Kovalyov ran the FSB department on economic crime, and his arrival signals a crackdown on corruption, which Gen Lebed has been promoting. Gen Lebed was known to favour him.

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# German feminists reject call to arms

Jan Traynor in Bonn

THE steady march of sexual equality through Germany's institutions has hit on the biggest male bastion of all, the military. But this time it is the politicians of the right who are calling for a combat role for women, while feminists and the left argue that equal opportunities should not extend to sharing the right to kill.

The row over service-women has erupted since the Free Democrats, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's small coalition partner, launched a campaign on Monday for combat training for women.

Curiously, conservatives and traditionalists not usually associated with pioneering women's rights are emerging as cheerleaders of the fighting women campaign, while radicals, liberals, and the left complain that this is one equal opportunity too many.

Under the German constitution, women are proscribed from bearing arms in the military, although they may join the armed forces as medical workers and musicians.

Leading the guns-for-women cause is Guido Westerwelle, the Free Democrats' general secretary, described the constitutional ban as the "last sexual job discrimination".

On Sunday another conservative, Volker Rübe, the defence minister, said he wanted to see women soldiers included in patrol duties, which would require them to answer a call to arms.

He also foresaw service-women moving into hitherto forbidden areas such as telecommunications, lo-

gistics, and headquarters work. "But in the future I will still be against deploying women in combat units."

Senior female politicians are not leaping to the defence of the pro-equality camp, however. "Women's liberation does not mean equal rights to be trained to kill," said the Greens' defence spokeswoman, Angelika Beer.

Others argue that the sudden support for female soldiering is born not so much of concern for equal rights as of money and diminishing military pulling power.

The German system of military conscription is being eroded by mass draft-dodging and a lack of funding. At least as many men eligible for call-up opted to perform civilian duties last year as entered the military, making it increasingly hard to put together the 340,000-strong armed forces. Across-the-board spending cuts have also put pressure on the ability to recruit.

While the arguments in favour of a professionalised, all-volunteer military gain ground, the pro-equality campaigners say they do not want women conscripts to bear arms - only volunteers who ask for weapons training.

Karin Junker, a leading feminist in the opposition Social Democrats, said it was "cynical to drive women into unemployment as a reserve industrial army and at the same time to want to abuse them as an army reserve."

The male Greens' spokesman, Jürgen Trittin, said it was absurd to describe "non-participation in acts of killing" as discrimination against women.

# War crimes trial restarts as attempt to oust judges fails

John Hooper in Rome

THE TRIAL of the former SS officer Erich Priebke is due to resume in Rome today after a prosecution challenge on the impartiality of the judges failed.

The 62-year-old German is being tried by a military court over Italy's most notorious wartime massacre - the killing of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome. It is expected to be the world's last Nazi war crimes trial.

Proceedings were inter-

rupted last month when the chief prosecutor announced he would be seeking the removal of the judges.

His petition was based on the evidence of an army general who said the presiding judge, Agostino Quistelli, had told him that he thought Mr Priebke should be acquitted. Judge Quistelli admitted that the conversation took place but said the incident happened before he was appointed to the trial.

A lawyer for relatives of the victims said: "The sentence, whatever it is, will be marred by shadows and suspicion."

If Diana is to be dehighnessed for her adultery and indiscretion, why should her husband escape the same fate?  
Catherine Bennett

The way from Drumcree

The challenge is how to survive confrontation

ULSTER'S marching season embodies everything that people on this side of the water find alien about the situation in Northern Ireland and much of what makes the situation there so incomprehensible to the outside world in general.

from homes in enclave areas, and more than 80 roadblocks throughout all parts of Northern Ireland. At the same time, it is important not to over-dramatise an admittedly dangerous situation.

Nevertheless, it is frighteningly probable that things in Northern Ireland will get worse before they can get better. The spiral of tension, which began when the Portadown Orangemen were banned from marching down Garvaghy Road from Drumcree church, has now widened out across the province as a whole.

Nevertheless, the events of this week are also a reprimand to politicians in Northern Ireland. After last year, the Drumcree confrontation should have been foreseen more clearly, and it was irresponsible to have allowed it to repeat itself.

School is still a safe place

But improvements are needed, and the cash to pay

IRONICALLY, new restrictions on carrying knives came into force on Monday — the same day that the mad, machete-wielding man caused panic, terror and serious injuries to three children and three adults at a Wolverhampton nursery school.

the impossibility of making schools completely secure. The Wolverhampton school, for example, was regarded by officials as relatively secure with a site completely enclosed by walls and fences — and locks on inner, as well as outer, doors.

Wolverhampton is the third serious violent incident in schools within a year. The official inquiry into the Dunblane massacre, in which 16 primary school children and one teacher died in March, is only just coming to a close in Scotland but the working party on school security, set up after headmaster Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death outside his west London school last December, has already reported Education ministers are right to emphasise

Even so, teachers, school governors and parents' associations are right to be angry at the inadequate response of ministers. No one wants schools to be turned into fortresses. Yet, just because no school can be made totally secure is no reason to delay pushing ahead with measures which could improve security.

Chris Patten has a party

His eye is fixed upon the job — but which one exactly?

CHRIS PATTEN is governor of Hong Kong for another 366 days, and it is supposed to be a full-time job. To coin a phrase, he is still battling for Hong Kong — yet his performance on Monday in Brussels might suggest otherwise.

task entrusted to him. (He is being paid enough, tax-free, for it). More to the point, as a servant of the Hong Kong people, he owes it to them.

Mr Patten may say that he cannot help answering questions about his future. But he is a skilled media manager and there is a very simple answer which he should be using now: "I'm sorry, but please save your questions till I board my yacht on July 1, 1997."

Mr Patten is seeking to gain visa-free access to the EU for Hong Kong residents. He hopes to goad jaded consciences in Britain so that we will not wash our hands of Hong Kong in a year's time. Rattling on about British politics merely blurs the message he is trying to make.

Mr Patten brought a welcome breath of fresh air to the job. Out went the peaked hat and the ceremonial sword, in came the pleasant family with highly-visible daughters and dogs. But there is a tradition which he might have been wiser to preserve. As a servant of the Crown, Mr Patten should commit his undivided attention to the

As Anthony perfectly well knows, I am not a supporter of Buthelezi. It is also untrue that Mr Aronstein was ever an aide to Buthelezi and nor have I written his biography, though I plan a larger work in which Aronstein — a Marxist-Leninist to his dying breath — will feature. The Times has never intimated to me that it supports Buthelezi: I would be extremely surprised to hear it.

GROCER'S LEFTWARD LURCH



Letters to the Editor

Motives of the marchers

DAVID Sharrock (Marching through history, July 8) has bought himself into the "demographic change" thesis to explain why the Orange Order insists on marching through Catholic areas.

principally rituals of domination. The whole point is to march through Catholic areas — to intimidate, provoke and humiliate. It's only "cultural" inasmuch as Protestant culture often translates as Protestant supremacy.

THE time has come for the British and Irish governments to abandon the barbarians of Ulster. Peace and reconciliation (both of which are essential) can never be achieved while the bigots and gangsters of both sides continue their silly and dangerous games.

Let's help George and Gillian get round their moral maze

GILLIAN Shephard has decided that schools should inculcate in their young charges some notion of "morality". Quite apart from this, being rather rich coming from one of the most amoral governments ever to be elected, this displays a fundamental lack of understanding of how, and for whom, schools work.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury (Moral crusade by Carey, July 6) is guilty of two sins — one of omission and commission. The omission was of any unambiguous reference to the fundamental incompatibility between social decency and the modern god of free-market economics.

TO explain the situation during the marching season in the north of Ireland, let the people of this country imagine that the British National Party plans to march through Brixton in south London on an average of once every two weeks for these months, and that local residents are being asked to accommodate this.

Without money from the British taxpayer and support from IRA hardliners in the south, the country would quickly come to its senses. It may increase the suffering of innocent people, but has any one a better idea?

I would hesitate even to support the idea that what schools offer is education much less "moral" education. What schools offer is conditioning in the Pavlovian sense — children are forced into responding to bells at regular intervals like salivating dogs.

THE clue to the archbishop's little tantrum is surely in that figure of 10 per cent of the young who would turn to the Church for moral guidance. The huge majority, in other words, no longer wish to buy Dr Carey's snake oil.

THE churches are patriarchal, homophobic, backward-looking institutions, apparently unable to distinguish between religion and morality. How about an apology for the way in which the churches have treated women? They might all, young and old, respect him a bit more.

Gun law

ONE psychopath + one infant school + one gun = 17 dead. One psychopath + one infant school + one machete = 0 dead.



DAVID Willett's attack on the "Blair Eight" for being anti-British sits strangely with his enthusiastic description of the German social market in his own book Modern Conservatism, and of the lessons to be learned from Japan. And there is nothing British about Willett's own gurus, Hayek and Friedman. Does the nickname "two brains" have anything to do with a capacity for double-think or being two-faced?

Hot and bothered over warming. I WAS distressed that John Mortimer (Sweaty socks in the sun-dried shirt, July 6) should have adopted his whimsical tone when dealing with global warming.

poorest nations of the world. John Gummer deserves praise not mockery for fulfilling his duty as Environment Secretary by spelling this out and preparing us for the inevitable necessity of us all having to make some serious adjustments to our lifestyles.

REGARDING MPs' pay rises and Princess Diana's divorce settlement, may I quote Benefits Agency document 1788-0102: "How much money the law says you need to live on each week: £28.80 for normal living expenses."

In the early 1990s, 350 leading scientists published a "warning to humanity" in which they opined that mankind has around 20 years to change its ways fundamentally or face disaster on a global scale — not least because of global warming.

IF John Mortimer had looked a little further than his beloved Little England, he might have wondered, if England is going to be like the Loire Valley, France with Spain's climate, and Spain a series of deserts, what on earth is Africa going to be like.

ANTHONY Sampson's rather peculiar article (The word from South Africa is love me, love my party, July 8) contains the statement that "the Times had long supported Buthelezi through its correspondent, R W Johnson, biographer of Buthelezi's aide, the late Rowley Aronstein."

JOHN Mortimer is a well-known manufacturer of fiction. The facts, as far as they can be assessed by the world's best scientists, are that global warming is going to bring us all very hard times indeed, in particular to those least equipped to deal with it — the

DO so hope John Mortimer enjoys global warming as much as he says he will. I can only hope he manages to embrace the skin cancer, flooding and new diseases with equal readiness.

Now take that, Blanche

MARK Simpson's attack on Gaytime TV (Provocations, July 8) was notable only for its tone of blind, bilious rage. The piece was punctuated by some astonishing personal abuse directed at the show's presenters.

for a presenting role on the show? Simpson's real problem isn't so much with Gaytime TV as with the whole business of what he calls "gay identity". What a pity, then, that he should inadvertently have revealed himself as one of its most stereotyped manifestations: that of bitchy, jealous old queen.

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A Country Diary

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In the deep shade, the honeysuckle blooms are white and signal the entrance to a path untrdden for years. It winds along a lower ridge, then dives down into a valley, shoulder-high in bracken and shiny hollies, darkness falls, as thick and peaty as a bracken-scented Somerset, in across the plain of the west. Crigglion rises against the edge of the sunset, all shafts

PAUL EVANS



Diary Matthew Norman

THE phone rings, a fax arrives, another phone rings, the same fax emerges from another machine... yes, it's Peter Bottomley, the excitable MP for Eatham, in one of his states. This time, it's the report he yesterday that he asked for a "big fat fee" of £200 for appearing briefly on a TV show on Sunday. With a bit more of this this is unclear from the fax, even after repeated readings, for there is not a soul at this newspaper who speaks fluent Bolmondely. What he clearly does deny, though, is ending a phone conversation without saying goodbye. Partly in the hope of avoiding another House of Commons demeritisation (you may recall the last one, and the confusion it caused), and partly out of concern for his poverty, the Diary today launches Bolmondely Relief. Foodstuffs, clothing (particularly V-neck jumpers, thick socks and bobble hats), and any household items would be appreciated. Sounding relieved yesterday that help is on its way, poor Bolmondely, the pallid little Belgian of his day, made a request that his first food parcel might include Gentleman's Relish.

TROUBLE brews in the bitchy world of puzzle-solving. In his News of the World column, Michael Winner has set a conundrum — the old chestnut, in fact, about the man hurt in a crash in which his father dies who is taken to hospital, where the surgeon says: "I can't operate, he's my son". If you must have a clue, the puzzle relies heavily on the solver's inability to imagine such a thing as a female surgeon. Some may think it a little outdated, but Michael does... and for that, Gyles Brandreth, who used it in his OK! magazine puzzle page, Brandreth's Brainstorm, a fortnight ago. Gyles won't like it a bit, and he's not pretty when he's angry. Michael, for God's sake, admit the plagiarism and pray for mercy.

MEANWHILE, a fax arrives from Michael's employee, John Fraser MA (Oxon), MPhil. "I was a little modest when telling you of my experience with Mr Winner," he writes. "I actually worked for him first when we were at school together some 45 years ago." After school, Mr Fraser worked for him "part-time, joining him full-time in 1967". I make no apologies for spelling out the modest about investigating shrimp through tap water — Thames Water has received 57 complaints this year — have been mixed. A spokeswoman for the Jewish Board of Deputies said: "I feel we must comment." However, Dean David Grynbaum, a rabbi with Kedassia, a kosher authority in Stamford Hill, confirmed that "all crustacea big enough to be seen by the naked eye" are strictly forbidden. The rabbi wishes all concerned to "put a fine piece of cotton over the tap to act as a filter".

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Queen of Hearts is no longer on the cards

Commentary Catherine Bennett

AS MISS Lorelei Lee once discovered, English introductions are a tricky business. "I mean some of the girls in London seem to be the opposite of a Lord. And some who are not Ladies are honorable. But quite a few are not Ladies or honorable either, but are just like us, so all you have to call them is 'Miss'." It's a useful summary, but more detail would be useful for encounters with princesses and princesses of the blood royal. In speech, according to a guide called Titles and Forms of Address, you should first say "Your royal highness", and subsequently "Ma'am". Any letter should be concluded, "I have the honour to be Sir (Madam), Your Royal Highness's most humble and obedient servant." In hospital, a deferential groan or — for those under anaesthetic — respectful exhalation, is considered quite sufficient. But this otherwise invaluable handbook neglects to offer any advice on the correct address of Former Wives

of the Blood Royal. Tips abound for the approved forms of prostration before Former Wives of Younger Sons of Marquesses; Former Wives of Earls; Former Wives of Younger Sons of Earls; and Former Wives of Earliest Sons of Barons — but the authors have ignored, or deliberately dodged, a problem which will soon beset us all: how to address the Former Wife of a Future King. Not long ago, HRH the Princess of Wales seemed to favour the innovative title, Queen of Hearts. Something — perhaps a look into Alice's Adventures in Wonderland? — seems to have changed her mind. None of us, royal or otherwise, would wish to be greeted with the words, "Why, they're only a pack of cards, after all. I needn't be afraid of them!" Subsequently HRH Diana indicated that the title Diana, Princess of Wales, would meet her letter-heading needs. This seemed to represent a distinct and welcome shift towards egalitarianism. At this rate, some republicans hoped, it could not be long before we were invited to address her as Chloëwe even Comrade Diana. But Diana has apparently changed her mind. Last week she was pleading with the Queen to keep the precious initials HRH. The spectacle of the unfettered Sarah Ferguson, may well weigh with Her Majesty. Then there is the question of their young high-

nesses, the Queen's grandsons, who might feel lowered in public esteem without a mother of equal loftiness. But all we know of this exchange is that the Queen described the matter as "very difficult". Much as Her Majesty might thrill to the sight of a humbled, de-HRH'd Diana grovelling at the hem of Princess Michael of Kent, she must be aware of the danger that meritoriousness presents to royalty, indeed to the whole aristocratic edifice. One wonders if she already regretted stripping the ludicrous Ferguson of her title. For if Fergie's pursuit of pleasure has left her unworthy of our humble and obedient service, why should we continue to fawn before HRH Princess Margaret if Diana is to be de-highnessed for her adultery and indiscretion, why should her husband escape the same fate? Some commentators have speculated that Diana's continued HRH-ness may be made contingent on her contributing, meekly, to the greater royal cause. But this stricture could only invite a closer evaluation of the whole pack of cards, in which status might become performance-related, and pay measured against probity. Far better, from the Windsor's point of view, to perpetuate the distribution of titles as an arbitrary and irrevocable gift, and to exploit the limitless deference which the English still reflexively offer to their titular betters. Outside the royal family there has been little demand for Diana to be de-highnessed, indeed her desire to keep every privilege conferred to her by marriage has been treated as the most reasonable thing in the world. The public no more expects Diana willingly to relinquish her status, than it expects the Queen to reject her sovereignty. Prince Charles to surrender his claim to the throne, or the hereditary peer, to troop unceremoniously from the House of Lords. On the contrary, the few peers and baronets who abjure their hereditary titles are subjected to more popular admiration and hostility than those who mechanically accept. Tony Blair likes to tease the nobility with the occasional

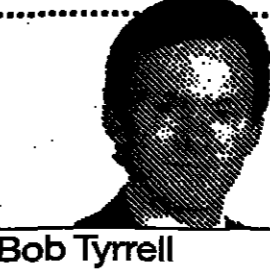
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tirade against accidents of birth in the legislature. But one of the only firm statements in *New Labour, New Life for Britain* is the guarantee that Britain will continue to be a subject race: "We have no plans to replace the monarchy". Equally reassuring, for our five grades of peers, is the news that Blair's reformed House of Lords, will continue to use feudal titles, which can only sustain the credibility of the whole, antique system. Besides, a vote in the House of Lords is among the least of the perks of aristocratic pedigree. A title is a positional good, whose worth depends on scarcity and the awe it in-

spires. Nobody, one suspects, would take a second gulp of Duchy Original fruit-drink if this horrid concoction were not manufactured by a Prince of the Blood Royal. And why else would anyone buy one of Lady Palumbo's tapestry handbags, the Duke of Buccleuch's Malt Whisky, or the Duchess of Marlborough's paintings of pugs? Just as Lloyd George's knock-down sale of peerages did nothing to diminish popular sycophancy, the high prices now paid at auction for unwanted "lord of the manor" titles, confirms rather than subverts the value still attaching to an aristocratic title. "Real" aristocrats may subliminally insist that a ready-made lordship carries no advantage in their society, but once inscribed on credit card and letterhead, will the unenlightened insist on the difference? The ease with which "Lady" Rosemary Aberdour duped a charity out of £2.7m suggests that those who part with £40,000 for a lordship will find it a cheap price for deference. But to condemn those upstarts who invent or buy their positions, is to suggest that the possessors of inherited titles or life-peerages have some genuine claim on our respect. At bottom, is a real aristocrat more impressive than a pretender? Would a sham Duke of Marlborough or imitation Lord Litchfield be less estimable than the authentic, hereditary article? The concern surrounding Diana's future handle is a dispiriting reminder of the enduring respect for arbitrarily bestowed titles which have nothing to do with merit and attach to no virtue. Think do you actually believe that a title, of itself, raises one person's value above everybody else's? If not, there is no reason to pay it any lip service at all. Former Wives of the Blood Royal are just like us. All you have to call them is Miss.

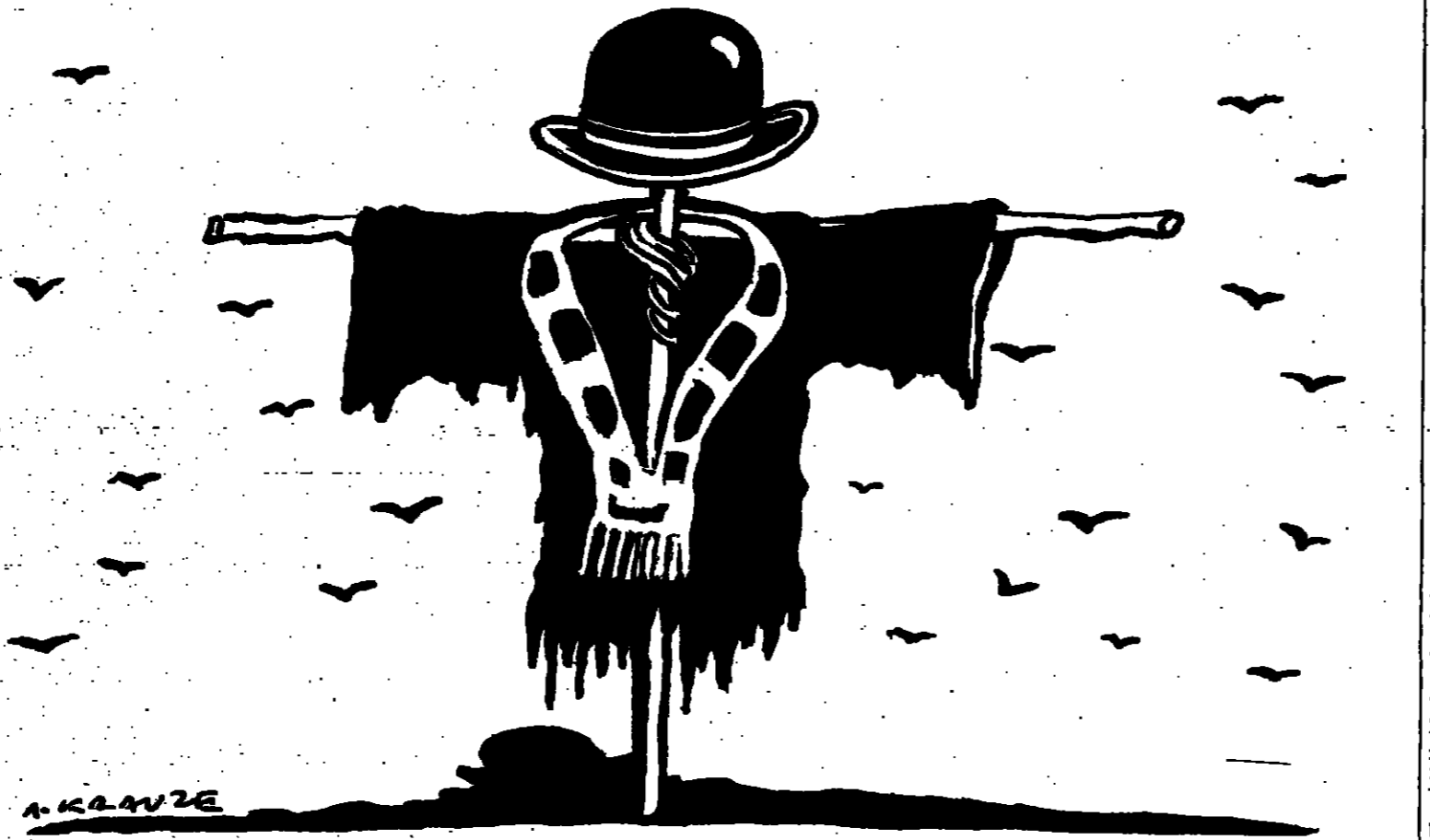
We need MPs to make a pay sacrifice



Bob Tyrrell

THIS evening MPs vote on their pay. The outcome could be a salary increase for the typical backbencher of almost 30 per cent, to £43,000. For the Prime Minister it could mean a rise from £94,000 to £143,000. From one point of view it is difficult to argue with these increases. MPs' pay has not kept pace with inflation in the last 30 years, and the proposed increase would go only part of the way to restore its real level. Many MPs work 100-hour weeks and suffer enormous stress as a result of this and the constant public scrutiny. And it is becoming much harder to argue that there are the compensations of high status and public esteem associated with the job. But from another perspective it would be a pity if, tonight, our public servants in Parliament were to be seen to award themselves these large increases in pay. It would come at a time when a number of other groups are flexing their muscles to fight for higher pay, from airline pilots to Tube-train drivers. With the labour market tightening and the prospect of a Labour government within the year, the circumstances are developing in which inflation could be off and the boom-bust cycle return. More fundamentally, it would also add weight and seem to endorse the sort of self-interested behaviour that undermines the civic values on which the functioning of our society depends. It would put MPs in the same camp as the corporate "fat cats" who are seen to personify the grab-it-while-you-can, winner-take-all syndrome. We live in a highly rational, individualistic culture that is becoming dysfunctional in all sorts of ways. I go along with social philosophers like John Gray who are beginning to see more harm than good coming out of the "Enlightenment project". Relationships of all sorts are becoming more transactional. I hear people talk less about their "friends" and more often about their "networks". In network relationships, when things aren't working out we "exit", rather than exercise voice and loyalty. The terms of engagement in so many areas are becoming single-stranded and in the case of the labour market, the currency of exchange is increasingly narrowly defined in terms of money. I doubt we can enjoy the benefits of civic society without a plurality of currencies circulating, and by which people can feel rewarded. The social capital that acts as the buffer between the hard edges that exist in the social and economic system is being depleted, and life will be less pleasant for its loss. This social capital is the stuff on which friendship is built and on which trust depends. There is a lot of it about when people use words like "vocation", "duty" and "loyalty" to describe why they behave as they do. You might say I sound like an old hand. Think of the benefits that are all the time accruing from rational behaviour and transactional thinking. Without it we would still have public-sector bodies talking about "passengers" and "customers" as if they owned the people working in these organisations a living — and unresponsive to their needs as "customers". And the vocational callings, such as medicine, sport, teaching and the like, would still be allowing themselves to be down-trodden. And yet I still have worries about a society that tries too hard to organise itself on rational lines. We need "passengers" as if they owned their narrowly defined, monetary interests to reassert the legitimacy for the rest of us of acting from higher motives. A selfless gesture by MPs could prove a critical tactical move in a strategic agenda to reassert our social capital.

What are the alternatives? We might be optimistic that the Archbishop of Canterbury's campaign to get people to think about their moral obligations will spontaneously engage the public imagination and begin to change behaviour. I have word that this campaign could soon become ecumenical, with the Chief Rabbi stepping into the ring. But without secular authorities such as MPs (and others in the public limelight) "walking the talk", such arguments would be easy to dismiss. SOME may argue that the rational organisation of our society has still further to go and that we should continue to develop scientific criteria by which jobs are evaluated and rewarded. This would imply a return to incomes policies. This is neither remotely likely under governments of any complexion, nor desirable, in a world as rapidly changing as ours, a central agency could not classify (let alone assess) the worth of the occupations comprising our economy. In the absence of individual, morally inspired restraint, that leaves still higher levels of unemployment as the only alternative disciplining mechanism. It is the least desirable of alternatives... but also the one I suspect most likely to result from the events set in train by a vote for increases tonight. Bob Tyrrell is Chairman of the Henley Centre



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Clockwork Orange

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18th century point to one of the fundamental facts of Orangism: that far from being a continuous link with the past, it has mattered to most Ulster Protestants only at times of political uncertainty. The late 18th century was one such time. The middle of the nineteenth century was another. From the beginning, the Orange Order has been about, not re-enacting history, but re-inventing it. The Order did not come out of William of Orange's famous victory over James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, but from a much less epic skirmish, the Battle of the Diamond, a glorified sectarian row at a County Armagh crossroads in 1795. It was inspired, not by the historical reality of William of Orange, but by the need to give the sanction of the past to contemporary events. Its founders were embattled people forging a weapon for present conflicts. WHAT they constructed was an institution with two great strengths. One, embodied in initiation rituals and unseen by outsiders, is a way of giving a Biblical resonance to the often squalid realities of sectarian competition. Anthony Buckley of the Ulster Folk Museum, who has had more access to the secret rituals than most outsiders, notes that most of the Biblical texts used in them emphasise a common situation: "that of an individual or group living in a foreign land or among strangers or heathens". The texts alluded to on banners and in emblem and rituals "provide object lessons in how the Israelites and later

the Jews dealt with a very similar situation of having inherited a promised land which had hitherto belonged to somebody else". The ideal they inculcate is that of men who have been tried and tested, tempered for the hard struggle for survival in a harsh political landscape. The Garvaghy Road, to religious Orangemen, is a local version of the plains of Jericho. The other great strength of Orangism is its ability to present an appearance of unity at times of division within both Ulster Protestantism and Ulster Unionism. It is easily forgotten that Protestantism in Ireland incorporates dozens of competing churches, and that it has often been riven with bitter divisions between Presbyterians and Episcopalians. The success of the Orange Order in mediating those divisions is the reason Orangemen are often completely sincere when they say that one of the pillars of their institution is religious tolerance. It is easy, watching the nakedly anti-Catholic bigotry on display at Portadown and elsewhere, to deride this as hypocrisy, but it has a foundation in fact. The Order really is experienced by many Protestants as a social space in which religious and class differences can be set aside. Behind the dogged insistence on preserving what are believed to be traditional Orange practices is the fear that, without the Order, Protestantism itself could collapse into a multitude of sects and factions. The danger of disunity, moreover, has seldom been so obvious. The once formidable monolith of Ulster Unionism

has fractured. At the elections for the Northern Ireland Forum in May, no fewer than five Unionist parties won seats. As well as the long-standing division between the Official and Democratic Unionists, there are now the two parties associated with the loyalist paramilitaries and Robert McCartney's secularising UK Unionists. The depth and ferocity of these divisions was on public display at the opening of the negotiations last month, with Paisley and McCartney accusing Trimble of selling out the Union, and the loyalist fringe parties accusing the other Unionist parties of conspiring to exclude them. Never before has Unionism been so openly divided within itself. The appeal of the Orange Order as a symbol of Protestant and Unionist unity is, in this context, obvious. The rallying-call from Portadown may be based on a spurious notion even of Orange tradition itself, but it revivifies the simplifying myth of a steadfast people defending its ancient rights. David Trimble and others in the Unionist leadership must know how thin this illusion really is. Even if the Orangemen win, the gesture of walking down a street protected by ranks of armed policemen — is pathetic. When such symbols take on such importance for their own sake, it is clear that the confident unity of purpose they are meant to be symbols of really is a thing of the past. Fintan O'Toole is a columnist with the Irish Times and author of *Black Hole, Green Card: The Disappearance of Ireland*

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John doesn't get it

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Raaj Kumar

# Prince of heart strings

**T**HE SCREEN image of Raaj Kumar, who has died aged 68, created two popular myths amongst Indian filmgoers. For four decades his fair skin, chestnut Urdu, elegant bearing and deep, resonant voice led many to believe that he was a descendant of a Muslim royal family, while his image as a man who nobly sacrificed his love for the sake of a brother or friend in his like *Wagah* (Time, 1963), *Kaajal* (Kohl, 1965) and *Mere Huzoor* (My Lord, 1968) gave the impression that he had remained a bachelor.

The reality was that Kumar was born a Hindu Kashmiri Brahmin, Kulbhushan Nath Pandit, in Sialkot in what is now Pakistan. He was happily married with children.

Kumar's entrance into films was nearly as dramatic as the roles he played. He was a Bombay police officer and while investigating a theft at the home of Urdu writer and actress Ismat Chughtai, his voice so affected Chughtai that she arranged his debut in 1950 in "Bollywood" — the Bombay film industry — through her filmmaker husband, Shahid Latif.

Kumar acted in more than 60 films, and two classics — Mehboob Khan's *Mother India* (1957) and Kamal Amrohi's *Pakeezah* (The Pure, 1971) — won him a place in the annals of Indian cinema. Questions about him are often included in the Indian TV movie trivia quiz, Bollywood or Bust.

*Mother India* is an epic, comparable with *Gone with the Wind*. Here, Kumar plays an exploited Indian farmer who loses both hands while removing a massive stone from a tract of infertile land. The film documents the seizure of the rural poor's land by money-lenders after independence. It also documents the struggle of the common people for dignity and how the sacrificing spirit of the traditional Indian mother — played by Nargis Dutt — has held Indian society together.

It was Yash Chopra's 1965 blockbuster *Wagah* in which Kumar played a thief, that made him a popular star. The film's dialogue is still mimicked by cinephiles.

Then, in 1971 came *Pakeezah*, in which Kamal Amrohi's dream project, it had been nearly a decade in the making, partly because of the separation of Amrohi from his wife,



An Indian epic... Kumar (right) in one of his most successful films, Mehboob Khan's *Mother India*, 1957. PHOTOGRAPH BY

the film's female star, Meena Kumari. Here, Kumar played the son of an upper-class Muslim family who abandons everything to marry a courtesan played by Kumar. The audience greeted every dramatic intervention by Kumar with thunderous applause, the film's sweeping score came from the maestros Ghulam Mohammed and Naushad, and apart from Kumar's acting,

Kumar's death — immediately after the film's release — made *Pakeezah* a superhit. Although a box-office certainty, Kumar was notorious for pressuring screenwriters to change scripts to boost his role, which often killed the projects. He was also famous for his party pranks; it was said that he would — deliberately or inadvertently — ask young stars who they were

and what they did they did for a living.

His peak years as a star were in the 1960s and early 1970s, with popular dramas and love stories like *Dil Apna aur Preet Parai* (One's Heart, Someone Else's Love) in 1960, *Dil Ek Mandir* (The Heart Is A Temple, 1963), *Negi Kamal* (Blue Lotus) five years later and *Heer Ranjha* in 1970. He lost his touch in later years,

appearing in films devoid of the old magic. One of his last appearances was in Subhash Ghai's 1991 blockbuster *Saudagar* (Trader). It bombed at the box office.

He leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter.

**Latif Mohan-Joshi**

Raaj Kumar, film star, born October 8, 1927; died July 3, 1996

Don Neesham

# A good man in the Met

**T**HERE can have been few greater contrasts than that between Don Neesham, the former head of the Metropolitan Police's Flying Squad who has died from cancer aged 72, and the man he succeeded, Commander Ken Drury.

While Drury was the epitome of the bent and greedy detective who so damaged Scotland Yard's reputation in the 1960s and 1970s and was jailed for five years for taking bribes, Don Neesham was seen as the straight copper who liked nothing better than concluding successful investigations.



The Guv'nor... Neesham

An imposing figure known as "The Guv'nor" by his colleagues, in 1973 he took over one of the most prestigious posts in the service at a time when the reputation of the Met's detectives was badly tarnished by Drury and his ilk routinely taking backhanders. It will be for that period of his career, when he was trying to rebuild the shattered morale of the squad, that he will be best remembered.

Joining the train driver, he was born in Bishop Auckland in 1924 and educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Darlington, starting his working life as a clerk at the Prudential insurance.

He enlisted in the Royal Air Force in 1944 and was trained in South Africa. During his time in the services he emerged as a highly regarded rugby player, representing the British Forces as a wing-forward.

Joining the Metropolitan Police in 1946 after being demobbed, he had early experience as a detective and went on to win 15 commendations for his skill and bravery. He had a particularly good record of bringing murder investigations to successful conclusions and won rapid promotion.

As a detective inspector in 1963, he was one of the officers involved in the Great Train Robbery inquiries, escorting some of the culprits to Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight after their convictions. One of the robbers who recalled him described him this week as "a decent bloke".

But what perhaps was most remarkable was that he managed to swim with his head above the increasingly murky waters that were lapsing at the door of Scotland Yard in the dark days before Sir Robert Mark became Commissioner of the Met between 1972 and 1977 and set to work on his clear-up and clean-up.

"He was a man who stood out compared to some of his

rather dubious contemporaries," said a former colleague this week. "Don was a natural leader who got a lot of loyalty from his men. Villains treated him with a mixture of fear and respect."

He had five years as commander at the Flying Squad before resigning earlier than expected in 1979 after 33 years of service. At the time, he said his health and that of members of his family were the sole reasons for leaving, but he admitted that he was unhappy that three of his sergeants had just been disciplined and fined for crossing force boundaries without permission. (Boundary-crossing had been a police bone of contention for years between the provincial forces, who were wary of some of their London colleagues and Scotland Yard.)

The fuss over the issue cast a cloud over his departure although Neesham himself denied reports that he had had a serious row with the hierarchy at Scotland Yard.

At the time, he said of his officers: "I have a great admiration for the chaps who work under me and naturally I don't like to see them in this sort of predicament."

He retired to his home in Hampton Hill, Middlesex and was subsequently awarded the Queen's Police Medal.

Neesham's interest in rugby continued despite his failing health and he was a regular supporter of the Metropolitan police team. He was turning up for their home games until the end of last season. He was a former Chairman of the Metropolitan police rugby club and had played for both the British police rugby team and for Surrey.

He married Audrey Edder in 1950 and they had twin sons and a daughter.

**Duncan Campbell**

Don Neesham, detective, born 3 February, 1924; died June, 1996.

Ralph Carr

# Engineering the way to victory

**T**HE VALUE and valour of logistical support troops in the front line was vividly illustrated by the wartime career of Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Carr of the Royal Engineers, who has died aged 82.

Carr led a charmed life in the Mediterranean campaigns of North Africa, Greece, the Levant and Normandy, only to be all but killed by his own side in the last phase of the war, when the RAF mistakenly bombed his unit in north Germany.

Carr was born in Burma where his officer father and mother were stationed before the first world war. He went from Repton School to the army academy at Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1934. He completed his engineering degree at Cambridge in 1936 and was posted to Palestine, then a British mandate, during a period of Arab-Jewish unrest.

In the Middle East, Carr saw front line and staff service in the headlong drive to force the Italians out of North Africa, earning an unusually early MBE. The campaign would have ended in triumph in 1941 but for Churchill's disastrous decision to divert large forces to the defence of Greece.

Carr and his sappers blew up viaducts and mined roads, but could only delay the inexorable southward advance by the blitzkrieg experts of the Wehrmacht. By May he was back in Alexandria.

In June he led his engineers into a bitter struggle against the Vichy French, helping a mixed bag of Free French, Commonwealth and French colonial units to overcome collaborationist forces in Syria and Lebanon. By the time Carr returned to North Africa in autumn 1942, Rommel's Afrika Korps had undone the good work of 18 months earlier and was poised to attack Egypt. Now a major, Carr was given command of a new RE unit, the 21st Field Squadron, which preceded the infantry into battle, mounting an intense mine-clearing operation to facilitate a major advance, part of the battle of El Alamein in October 1942. For this dangerous task under massive artillery fire, Carr won his first DSO in the field.

After the Eighth Army's victory under General Bernard Montgomery, Carr stayed on for the operations which pushed the Axis forces between the British from the east and the Americans, who had landed to the west in Morocco in November 1942. During the last six months of the North African campaign, Carr was wounded for the first time when he trod on a German mine during clearance operations. Luck and training saved him from permanent injury.

Convalescing from his leg wounds, Carr returned to Britain in November 1943 — only to be sent off to train for D-Day, when his unit was attached to the famous 51st (Highland) Division. Carr survived the hard struggles for Normandy and southern Holland, as well as the German Army's last offensive in the Ardennes at the end of 1944 and the crossing of the Rhine. He won the bar to his DSO for leading the successful construction of a bridge over a river while under constant and heavy bombardment.

As the Highlanders advanced north and east across the north German plain, Carr's men cleared minefields for the infantry. In February, the sappers were far enough ahead of the division to be mistaken for the German front line by the RAF, which bombed them. Carr was hit in the head by shrapnel and lay in a coma for a month.

Saved from death by a series of brain operations, Carr tried to resume his army career in staff posts, but repeated spells in hospital forced him to retire with a disability pension in 1951.

He was able to take up farming and also wrote his wartime memoirs, published in 1994, when he was 80. He leaves two daughters.

**Dan van der Wat**

Henry Ralph Carr, soldier, born March 14, 1914; died June 19, 1996



Man of action... Carr

Peter Dorrell

# Monumental imagery

**P**ETER DORRELL, who has died aged 68, combined his interest in archaeology, photography and geography as lecturer in archaeological photography at the London Institute of Archaeology. He was a great photographer whose imaginative eye for composition made even the most dull archaeological detail look exciting. His 1989 *Photography in Archaeology and Conservation* will long be the standard textbook on the subject.

Dorrell's career began in wartime Fleet Street as a process photographer. Postwar National Service in Egypt and Palestine introduced him to the Near East, which would become his particular interest. He then took a geology and geography degree at Birkbeck College while renewing his involvement with the Unity Theatre, where he had acted and directed during the war. He later married Sheila, another cast member.

With Sheila he attended Gordon Child's classes at the Institute of Archaeology. Dorrell's aptitude brought him to the attention of osteologist Ian Cornwall, one of the great figures in environmental

archaeology, who recognised his potential to combine a professional knowledge of photography with a then amateur interest in archaeology.

Cornwall employed him as site photographer on his Tor Brian cave excavation in Devon and was instrumental in securing Dorrell's position as archaeological photographer at the Institute. There, the pieces of his personal jigsaw fell into place.

Dorrell's published work included papers on photographic methods, essays on Levantine geology and geomorphology, articles on Near Eastern archaeology and contributions to a number of excavation reports. His expedition photography included Kathleen Kenyon's excavations at Jericho and Jerusalem, Diana Kirkbride's at Un Dabaghia in Iraq, David Oates's at Tell Rimah in Iraq and Tell Parr's in Syria. His archaeological expertise meant he often supervised excavation areas where he proved a superb stratigrapher.

Dorrell was the ultimate calming influence. In long hot seasons, with small teams of

people cloistered together for weeks, tempers would often become frayed. He maintained stability through his charm, humour and sensitivity which could defuse any situation.

For the past 10 years, Dorrell was in his element as associate director of the British Museum's Jordan Valley Tell es-Sa'idiyah excavations. Freed from the responsibility of site photography, he loved to become absorbed in solving complex archaeological problems. His wisdom, common sense and humour made him the project's anchor — and he turned his practical skills to erecting shelves and fixing showers. At meal times, Dorrell's interests, from Shakespeare and Hegel to singing Scottish ballads, joking and reminiscing, delighted the excavation team.

Archaeology has lost a great photographer, a great archaeologist and one of its most endearing characters.

**Jonathan N Yubb**

Peter Gordon Dorrell, archaeologist and photographer, born February 1, 1928; died May 31, 1996



Professional and amateur interests perfectly combined... Peter Dorrell

Birthdays

- James Aldridge, author, 78; Tony Baldry, minister of state, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 48; Stephen Beale, economist, 43; Tommy Carmody, jockey, 46; Lisa Coleman, actress, 36; Prof Lord Desai, economist, 56; John Dunlop, racehorse trainer, 57; Winnie Ewing, president, Scottish National Party, 67; Stephen Hickey, principal, Civil Service College, 47; Lord Lambton, former Conservative minister, 74; Prof Ian Lucas, agriculturalist, 70; Sir Christopher "Kit" McMahon, economist, 69; John Motson, sports commentator,

- 51; Sir Leslie Porter, former chairman, Tesco, 76; Brian Priestley, jazz musician, 50; Sir Wyn Roberts, Conservative MP, 88; Reg Smythe (Andy Capp) cartoonist, 73; Gavyn Strang, actor, MP, 53; Josephine Veasey, mezzo-soprano, opera singer, 66; Virginia Wade, tennis commentator, 57.

Letter

**Don Gould writes:** I never met the New York writer Joseph Mitchell (*Obituary, May 30*), but he has been a very important person in my life. I first encountered — and recommended — *McSorley's Wonderful Saloon* at the end of the 1950s when I sold books from a kiosk in Cross Road street all night long. It was a book that was completely fascinating to me and my musician friends to whom New York was really a legend.

When I first visited New York in 1972 I made a pilgrimage to McSorley's. It was exactly as Mr Mitchell described it. The only difference was that I met my wife and two young children in. Over the years I have loaned my old Penguin of *McSorley's* to young and old. Unfortunately my copy has gone and the book is out of print. I redoubled my search after hearing Eli Wallach reading *McSorley's* brilliantly on Radio 4's *Book at Bedtime*. I found it in Christmas 1992. I received a parcel from Professor Lee Haring of Brooklyn

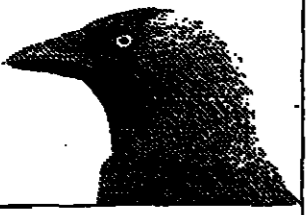
College, containing a copy of *Down at the Old Hotel*. I have read and re-read it. I loaned it to my youngest daughter, she never got to McSorley's itself, and her friends. So there are now young people who know that there is more to New York than drugs, crime, and bright lights; that there are just a "little people"; and that descriptions of places, people and occupations, can be done with love and sensitivity and can be as gripping — no more gripping — than sensation and sleaze.

I always meant to write to Mr Mitchell to thank him for his wonderful stories. Perhaps printing this might persuade a publisher that *Down at the Old Hotel* does have an audience in this country so that I won't have to let my young people to sign their life away when I loan them my copy. Farewell Mr Mitchell, you are sorely missed.

Birthdays

To my best mate Jason - Happy 26th Birthday - love you!  
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**Two's company**

I'VE BEEN away to Tenerife for a week with a girlfriend and now I'm off for two weeks with another girlfriend to Cancun in Mexico. It's a good idea to go with someone different on a second trip, just in case you've had any arguments on the first.

**Alex Seligman, aged 21, marketing student, gives advice on multiple travelling partners for those summer holidays in the Jewish Chronicle.**

have adorned or left alone according to my will. I'm not opposed to using bras like cosmetics: the Flower Ball for a 50's ever-so-slight bullet-bra effect, the Warner Not So Innocent Nude for an almost-bare, natural 70's look; any Olga make for minimal daytime display; Perla and Christian Dior bras for date night. A nursing bra with the panels cut out recreates the Rudi Gernreich look of the 60's. For maximum effect, see your nipples for half an hour before you go out, like Jean Harlow.

I like foam rubber because, like bleached-blond hair, its so obviously fake that it takes on a new meaning. I have many widows, bustiers, and push-up bras galore — after a few cocktails — on the advantages of the Cadillac bra from Frederick's of Hollywood over the Wonderbra. (The Cadillac is cheaper and infinitely more evocative, and its history is far cooler.)

Even when I'm perfectly sober, I have recommended bras to women I know only slightly, as brazenly as a New York department store lingerie saleswoman: "Hon, you should try this bra. It'd give you a nice silhouette. I swear it takes two inches off my waist." At all-ages-swap-ping parties I have given out push-up bra-stripping secrets. For maximum seduction value, strip to your bra and underwear, then tie on your back before stripping all the way, and simply thrust your man's nose into your cleavage. Either way, he'll be less shocked to detect that you've shrunk a full cup size. I also like to put Maybelline Body Shimmer on my cleavage for glittering disco boobies.

It's a fun. I reject the hopelessly square idea that breasts only function as fetishized objects and that women who bother with theirs are playing into the sweaty hands of patriarchy. I don't care if people stare at my chest with lust in their hearts. I mean, I don't mind if they do, but I like my breasts for one reason: because they're mine. I enjoy the attention; they've garnered.

**Carly Sommerstein stings Vita la breasts in the Utne Reader.**

**Boiled bird**

*How to cook ostriches with confidence*

**Ostrich Hor d'oeuvres**  
Thinly slice 3 pieces of ostrich fillet and smoke them in a smoker until tender. Serve with grilled ostrich sausages, caneloupe slices and a parsley garnish serve 4.

**Ostrich Stir-Fry**  
Slice ostrich into 1/2 x 2 inch strips. Marinade in Teriyaki sauce, or soy sauce for at least 4 to 6 hours. Add oil to the wok and heat to very high. Add ostrich meat until done. Set aside. Cook vegetables in wok and just prior to serving return ostrich meat to wok for about 45-60 seconds. Serve over fried or boiled rice or long grain rice.

**Ostrich recipes:** All you need to know to be able to start an ostrich farm. High-pedigree African Black ostriches are all at Ostriches On-line for those farmers who may have decided they would like to try their hand at something other than cows. [www.acklover.com.ostrich/index.html](http://www.acklover.com.ostrich/index.html)

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**Fans & fame**

FAME is something you can buy. Or so says Lissa Negrin, the creator of Rent-a-fan Club in Los Angeles. At a starting price of \$200, would-be Hollywood stars can rent a posse of screaming fans, complete with autograph hunters and paparazzi photographers, to follow them around town. Her clients are generally

people who want to embarrass their loved ones on Birthdays or when they land at a Los Angeles airport after a trip. Negrin collects as much personal information about her victims as she can, writes a script for the occasion and then casts a group of professional actors with a knack for improvisation. "Sometimes we get people who are having dinner with their agent and want us to light a little fire," Negrin explains. "We might pass by the table and do a double-take and say, 'Excuse me. I don't normally do this but I saw you on EK last night and I thought you were absolutely terrific...' She concedes that of the Hollywood wannabes who have taken advantage of her service, none has yet made it to the top. *Desperate measures in Hot Air.*

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# Finance Guardian

## COPPER CRISIS: 'I do not believe, in my heart, that there is any scandal here,' insists £15m-a-year commodities trader. PAUL MURPHY and PATRICK DONOVAN report



# Vincent denounces jealousy of the 'character assassins'

**C**HARLES Vincent, £15 million-a-year co-owner of Winchester Commodities, claims he is the victim of a "cynical character assassination" attempt. Although questions have been raised about alleged links between Winchester and Yasuo Hamanaka, the chief metal trader at Sumitomo who was sacked after the discovery of unauthorised trading losses running to more than \$1 billion (2640 million), Mr Vincent says: "I do not believe, in my heart, that there is any scandal here."

He continues: "I could be completely wrong, but I know Hamanaka to be an honourable man... I will be very sad if what is alleged proves to be the case."

Speaking to the Guardian from Monte Carlo for the first time since this newspaper revealed six months ago that Winchester was under investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority, Mr Vincent cites the "British disease" of knocking anyone who rises above the norm: "If you are successful, if you create something from scratch, you are immediately seen as controversial." No action was taken by the SFA as a result of its inquiries.

Mr Vincent says he is spending time establishing a charitable foundation. "I enjoy working with children that perhaps don't have the chances that I have today. They know the heart and soul I have as a man."

Winchester has certainly been successful and controversial. In two years (to spring last year) Mr Vincent and his business partner, Ashley Levett, paid themselves £25 million apiece — profits drawn, in part, from their dealings with Mr Hamanaka.

"Sitting where I am sitting now and knowing what I know, which is obviously substantial, I have never seen any-

thing untoward," Mr Vincent declares.

"The SFA has been trying since autumn 1994 to find out exactly what Mr Vincent does know. Initially, the regulator's concerns centred around a single transaction, involving \$3 billion or more of copper, struck in summer 1993 between Winchester and Sumitomo. The transaction has become known as the "Radr deal".

"Mr Vincent said he wanted to right some wrongs, to clear up some mis-reporting of this transaction. "Radr", he said, was the codename for Winchester's own trading position. Sumitomo had, in effect, arranged to buy in excess of 1 million tonnes of copper over three years through Credit Lyonnais Exchange — a London Metal Exchange member which acted as Winchester's "clearing broker", settling Winchester bargains on the LME.

Winchester (a client of Rouse and an "introducing broker") was the counterparty to this \$3 billion trade, going "short" by more than 1 million tonnes. Mr Vincent said "Mags", another Winchester codename previously thought

to be part of the Radr deal, "was another account for a completely unrelated deal".

"I don't know whether the trades were authorised or unauthorised — that's a Sumitomo affair. But what I do know is that Rouse and Winchester operated, in conjunction with the SFA, completely above board."

Mr Vincent said that while the SFA may have taken months looking into the Radr deal, suspecting it might have been structured to land Winchester a guaranteed multi-million pound pay-off, the regulator was informed about the transaction before it was even struck. "The SFA were completely aware of the transaction we were doing. Rouse went to the SFA and said, 'How should we margin this?' before it had even been executed."

Many months later, the SFA declared that Winchester had done nothing wrong. The market whippers have not gone away. Mr Vincent has read all the allegations in the press to him, any mention of "brown envelopes" is "incredible".

"We were unwinding that transaction for several months, it was a large transac-

**'Winchester has been enormously successful, and why has that happened? It is because they put their balls on the line to trade'**

Charles Vincent



Men in the middle... Charles Vincent (above) and Ashley Levett (right) paid themselves £25 million each in the space of just two years. PHOTOGRAPHS: SOLENT AND NEWS TEAM

### Notebook

## Ken's sleeve is not empty yet



Edited by Alex Brummer

**T**HE City is becoming acclimatised to missed forecasts for government borrowing. Having twice had to sharply revise its borrowing requirements last year (in the summer forecast and the 1995 Budget) the Treasury is at it again.

Its pessimistic projections for the public finances — despite some slightly generous growth assumptions for this year and next — have again undermined the prospects for pre-election tax cuts, if the Major administration limps on through the Budget. It also means that a new Labour government, committed to financial national security orthodoxy, may have little flexibility — utility taxes or not — to deliver the improved education and health services which voters have customarily expected of their party.

The deterioration in the public finances, were they delivered by an unproven Labour Administration, might be enough to provoke problems on the financial markets. Fortunately, from Chancellor Ken Clarke's point of view the Tories are still, able to finesse matters.

In the last financial year, the PSBR, the difference between what the government collects and spends, was £3.2 billion higher than forecast in the last Budget; this year the overshoot is put at \$4.5 billion rising to a worrying £8.1 billion in 1997-98 when the deficit will be £22.1 billion.

There are two reasons why public finances have failed to move more towards balance even though the UK is now in its fifth year of economic expansion. First, like the PSBR, the forecast for output, growth appears to be written through rose tinted glasses. This year, at best, growth is now expected to be 2.5 per cent which is three-quarters of a point less than projected in the November Budget and still ahead of most private sector forecasts.

Next calendar year, perhaps with some more justification as real personal incomes rise, growth is seen at 3.25 per cent. To reach this, however, will require a sharp lift in consumer expenditure by 4.5 per cent, the kind of monetary UK boom which in the past has had serious balance of payments and inflationary consequences.

The second problem for the PSBR has been the shortfall in receipts at a time when, remarkably, expenditure has been kept within the control totals set in the public spending round. But the tax situation has been rather different.

All three major groups of tax collections — income tax, corporation tax and VAT — are sharply down. In 1995-96, the biggest shortfall on corporation tax appears to be partly due to some technical

errors, although with company profits now starting to moderate there is no reason to look forward to strong recovery here.

The VAT shortfall of \$0.9 billion is more mysterious in that VAT in relation to increased consumer spending has been dropping, perhaps suggesting that this form of taxation has reached saturation levels. Finally, income tax also fell short by \$2.6 billion, adding to the PSBR overshoot.

There is a theory that the Treasury having been wrong in its tax estimates in the 1995-96 financial year has been overcautious in its collection estimates for the two years ahead, thus giving itself room for some surprise tax cuts in November. Perhaps, but missing tax receipts together with privatisation shortfalls could become habit-forming.

It might have been thought that the worsening of government finances, with an increased requirement for debt issues, might have thrown the markets off course. But not a bit of it.

The view is that in order to meet the ambitious growth forecasts, the Chancellor, inhibited on fiscal policy, will have some further base rate cuts up his sleeve and will exercise his monetary prerogative despite the reservations of the Bank of England. But the bond rally could quickly snuff itself out should signs of a typical UK end of cycle boom emerge.

### Granada games

**T**HE DTT's decision not to refer Granada's acquisition of Fortis to the MMC looks predictable enough.

However, Ian Lang's announcement also is good news for Granada, in that it now has the date it wanted — April 25 next year — by when it has to sell the 21 Welcome Break motorway services it acquired as part of the deal.

Under the deal Fortis struck with Whitbread, announced as part of its defence package, if Welcome Break was subsequently sold for a higher price than Whitbread had been prepared to pay, then Whitbread would receive half of the difference, so long as Granada sold the business on before the end of the year.

Mr Lang's decision now means Granada has effectively been given the green light to string the sale out at least until the end of the year thus depriving Whitbread of a windfall. A satisfying outcome for Granada which resented Whitbread's intervention on Sir Rocco Forte's side.

While this is cheering for Granada, it does mean that it will have a virtual monopoly on motorway services in the meantime, controlling 56 out of a total 70. This may be less advantageous for the consumer despite some price controls.

Similarly, the way in which Granada has dragged its heels in giving an undertaking to the Office of Fair Trading on the sale of Welcome Break also looks cynical. Granada had every interest in prolonging its monopoly for as long as possible.

## Polygram heads bids for studio of the stars at MGM

### Mark Tran in New York

**T**HE auction of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, once Hollywood's most glamorous studio, reaches a climax tomorrow as contenders put their best bids on the table.

"It's time to get real," said one executive close to MGM, hoping the last round in this poker game will push the bidding beyond \$1 billion (\$200 million).

The winner is almost certain to come from Dutch group Polygram, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp or Morgan Creek-Safari. The last two originally put in separate bids but pooled their efforts to mount a more credible effort.

Morgan Creek has the backing of Warner Bros, Time Warner's film studio, and Safari is a consortium

comprising Capella Films and leveraged buy-out firm Rockport Partners, which is led by former Drexel Burnham Lambert strategist Peter Ackerman.

The bids are thought to range from News Corp's \$1 billion to the highest bid of \$1.4 billion. Polygram is said to have emerged as the leading candidate to take MGM off its present owner, crisis-ridden French bank Credit Lyonnais. Polygram has a strong financial position, has no net debt and plenty of borrowing capacity to finance the deal.

It also needs a studio if it is to become a leading entertainment player.

Formed in 1924, MGM was once Hollywood's biggest and richest film studio boasting stars such as Greta Garbo, Clark Gable and Jean Harlow.

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

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| Asia 14.75      | Germany 2,275   | Japan 12,585      | South Africa 8.54 |
| Belgium 47.28   | Greece 34,400   | Netherlands 2,900 | Spain 198.00      |
| Canada 2,077.5  | Hong Kong 11.72 | New Zealand 2.20  | Sweden 10,240     |
| Cyprus 0.7080   | India 54.75     | Norway 9.57       | Switzerland 1,825 |
| Denmark 8,850   | Ireland 0,9450  | Portugal 257.00   | Turkey 123,061    |
| Finland 7,175.0 | Israel 4.5      | Saudi Arabia 5.70 | USA 1.5178        |

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## Pilkington glass full up Meter plans in hot water

**S**IR Antony Pilkington, former chairman of Britain's biggest glassmaker, received a one-off payment of £399,000 on his retirement, according to the group's annual report published yesterday.

The payment, which was made in respect of untaken leave and which included a "terminal bonus", brought his total pay to £473,000.

But because Sir Antony retired on July 20 last year, and because Pilkington's financial year starts on April 1, that figure was effectively for less than four months work.

This compares with the

£485,000 he received for the whole of the previous financial year.

Sir Antony, a fifth generation member of the family which founded Pilkington in 1836, was with the company for 36 years. He became an executive director in 1973 and chairman in 1980, and was responsible for successfully defending Pilkington against the hostile bid from BTR in 1987.

Pilkington also revealed that it had paid the £30,000 salary of Sir Nigel Rudd, replacement of Sir Antony, directly to his main employer, Williams Holdings, a firm which is Pilkington's first non-executive chairman, was the first chairman to

come from outside the founding family and Pilkington.

At the same time, Pilkington's chief executive, Roger Levett saw his total pay package jump from £433,000 to £447,000, despite a reduction in his annual bonus payment.

The disclosures came as Pilkington announced the sale of its loss-making contact lens business, Pilkington Barnes Hind, to America's Wyley Jessel Corporation for \$78 million (\$31 million).

In a statement, Pilkington said the sale would complete his withdrawal from its Visioncare activities and that the proceeds would be used to reduce group debts.

Pilkington shares closed down 3p at 182p.

**Rebecca Smithers and Chris Barrie**

**T**HE Consumers' Association last night threatened to challenge the Government in the courts over its alleged plans to introduce water metering.

Speaking after a heated Commons debate in which ministers were accused of coming close to acting illegally, CA director Sheila McKee told MPs on the all-party parliamentary water group that the organisation was considering whether to force a judicial review of government policy on meters.

Ms McKee's threat followed accusations by shadow

environment secretary Frank Dobson that industry regulator Ian Byatt was promoting metering so excessively "that he may be breaking the law".

Mr Dobson accused ministers of following a "hidden agenda" to promote metering.

Environment Secretary John Gummer insisted the Government was not in favour of compulsory water metering.

He claimed Labour was pursuing "a few short-term votes by fundamentally anti-environmental policies".

The parliamentary clash came as consumer representatives from the Office of Water Services (Ofwat) said bills would be forced up if the European Commission enacts

three directives under consideration.

In its annual report, Ofwat's National Customer Council said a revised drinking-water directive could land water companies with a \$2 billion bill for the replacement of lead pipes. A directive to improve bathing water would force up the costs of water companies with coastlines. A "water resources framework directive" is also said to be a possibility and could raise costs further.

Estimating that household bills would rise by \$5.30 a year on average to fund the drinking-water law, the council said consumer interests ought to be better represented in Brussels.

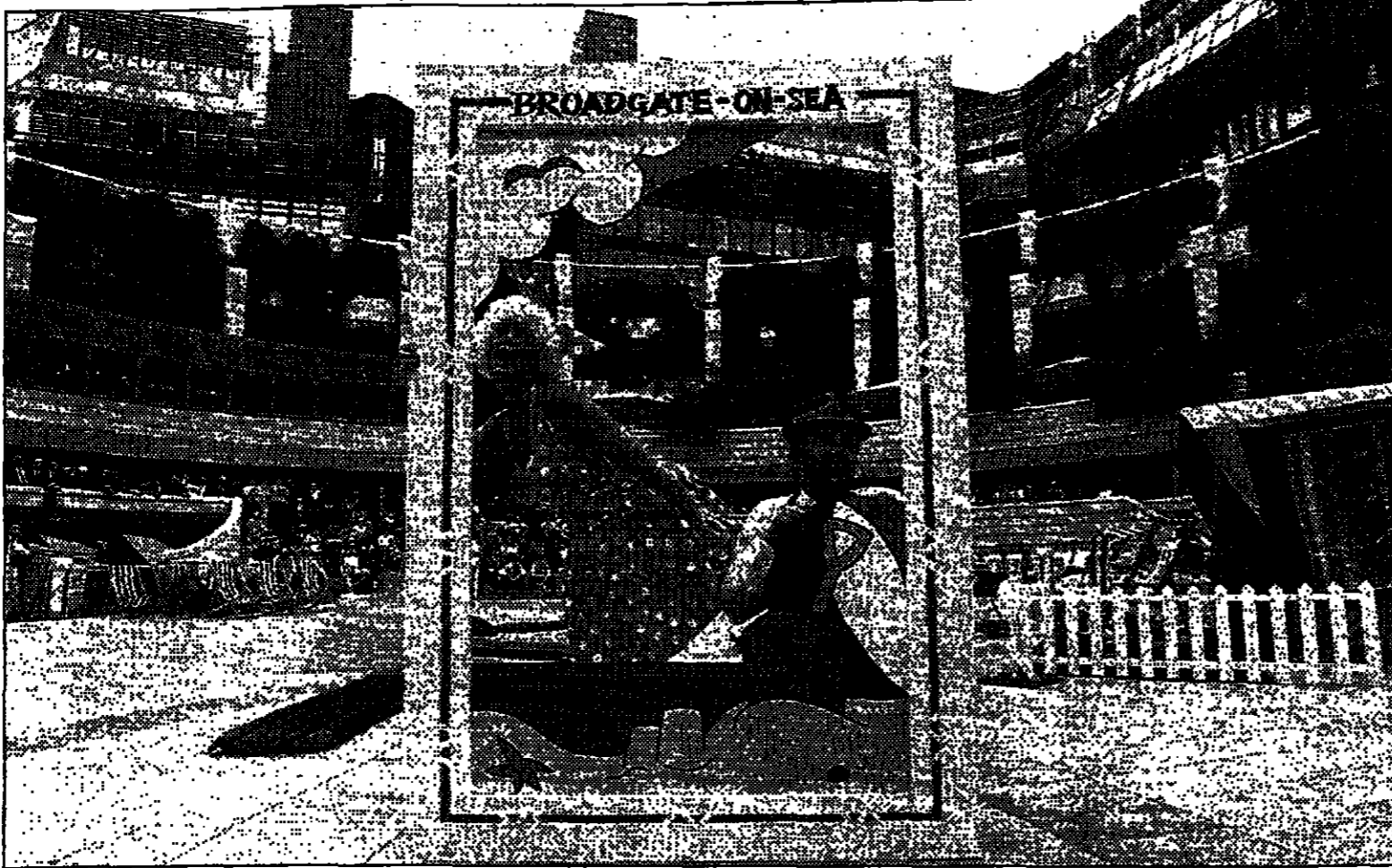
# 12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

## Seaside sauce in the City

OFFICE workers enjoyed a dose of seaside sauce yesterday when the National Theatre Company transformed the Broadgate Arena in the City of London into a seedy coastal resort.

The arena, was dotted with sandcastles, deck chairs and cheery seaside characters as the street theatre company attempted to recreate the traditional Hi-De-Hi holiday atmosphere — turning the area into Broadgate-on-Sea.

The entertainment, which will keep office workers amused through their lunch breaks for the rest of the week, is one of the highlights of the City of London festival. It is the seventh time the prestigious theatre company has appeared at the festival.



PHOTOGRAPH: KIPPA MATTHEWS

## Summer forecast reveals Chancellor struggling to reach downgraded growth targets

# Clarke 'must cut interest rates'

Sarah Ryle

THE City was last night gearing up for forecasts in interest rates after the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, tried to put an optimistic gloss on a downward revision to his growth forecast for 1996.

Analysts said the 2.5 per cent prediction was only achievable if the authorities further eased monetary policy, reducing base rates from the existing level of 5.75 per cent.

The Chancellor, however, downplayed the significance of forecasts. He blamed "disappointing growth" on the Continent for weaker than expected exports and acknowledged the slowing effect of factory stocks which were built up last year as manufacturers were hit by sluggish demand.

HSBC economist Jonathan Loyes said: "The Treasury's expectation of low-inflation growth this year and next year does nothing to harm the prospects of another cut in base rates."

Nikko economist Simon Briscoe said: "We still expect another rate cut. It is certainly too early to be sure that the rate-cutting cycle is over."

Mr Clarke refused to be drawn on the likelihood of a cut in rates. He emphasised

### Latest prospects

| Percentage change on previous year unless otherwise stated | Last budget forecast for 1996 | Yesterday's forecast for 1996 | Yesterday's forecast for 1997 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gross domestic product                                     | 3                             | 2.5                           | 3.25                          |
| General government consumption                             | 0.25                          | 0.5                           | 0.75                          |
| Fixed investment   | 4.25                          | 3                             | 5.5                           |
| Change in stockbuilding (as % of GDP)                      | 0.25                          | 0.25                          | 0.25                          |
| Exports of goods and services                              | 7.25                          | 6                             | 5.75                          |
| Imports of goods and services                              | 6.75                          | 7.5                           | 6.75                          |
| Consumers' expenditure                                     | 3.5                           | 3.25                          | 4.25                          |
| Balance of payments (current account)                      | -25bn                         | -23.5bn                       | -21.5bn                       |
| Inflation (RPI excluding mortgage interest payments)       | 2.5                           | 2.5                           | 2.25                          |
| Money GDP at market prices (financial year)                | £754bn                        | £745bn                        | £785bn                        |
| PSBR (financial year)                                      | £22.5bn                       | £27bn                         | £23bn                         |

the four reductions since the Budget and said the Government was on course to hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target by the end of this year, forecasting a further fall to 2.25 per cent next year.

He took a surprising swipe at the Bank of England's record on inflation and said its inflation forecasts "have always been wrong and have always been too pessimistic".

The Chancellor was confident about lower inflation next year despite his own predictions that consumer spending "will be a major force for expansion". He said recent tax cuts, lower mortgage rates, windfall gains, rising employment and the housing market recovery would contribute to an acceleration of

consumer spending to 3.25 per cent this year and 4.25 per cent next year.

Separate figures published today by the Halifax Building Society will show that house prices fell by 0.3 per cent in June, the first monthly decrease since July last year, but the Halifax said this did not alter its estimate that house prices will rise by 5 per cent this year.

Real disposable incomes were on course to rise by 2.5 per cent this year, said Mr Clarke, leaving a family on average earnings £450 better off, and would grow 3 per cent in 1997.

He said that by March 1997, just before the probable timing of a general election, the average family would be

£4,500 richer in real terms than it would have been in 1979-1978.

UK economic growth, which the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has said will be the fastest of any major European economy both this year and next, was also set to benefit from reviving demand in Europe.

The current account deficit is expected to worsen slightly this year to £2.5 billion but improve to £1.5 billion next year despite the boost which stronger consumer spending might give to imports.

Treasury officials said that better terms of trade next year (the ratio of export to import prices) would counter faster growth in import volumes.

Mr Clarke also predicted that the stock build-up which has plagued manufacturers and which has slowed overall economic growth would soon run its course as reviving demand fed through from the retail sector.

However, separate figures published yesterday showed that recovery was still elusive in some areas of the economy. New construction orders in May fell to their lowest level since September last year, according to the Department of the Environment.

Officials yesterday admitted they overestimated the Government's spending by some £30 billion, which was pushed forward yesterday when parliament endorsed Mr Kohl's plans to raise the retirement age and freeze unemployment benefit. The final element of the contentious package.

## Germany struggles, too

Ian Traynor in Bonn

GERMAN finance minister Theo Waigel today presents next year's crucial budget to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet. It will cut spending by 2.5 per cent and aim for a 2.5 per cent budget deficit next year, which would pass the European single currency test.

Mr Waigel yesterday closed to have unanimous support for the scheme from the ruling coalition's parliamentary caucuses. But much of the German struggle to meet the terms for European

monetary union will hinge not on his federal budget but on whether the 16 federal states also tighten their belts sufficiently to keep state debt and deficits within Maastricht criteria.

Despite a 2.5 per cent or DM11 billion (£4.7 billion) fall in the overall budget to DM440 billion next year, the government will need to borrow some DM7 billion more than planned because of collapsing tax revenue caused by the surge in unemployment this year.

The grim news on the jobs front multiplied yesterday when the June figure for seasonally adjusted unemployment showed a

rise of 3,000 on the previous month. The official unemployment rate, at 9.9 per cent, was almost a full percentage point up on last year.

Next year's budgetary performance is the benchmark for EMU, being used to decide who can join the single currency planned for the beginning of 1999.

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## Big rise in serious mining accidents

Workforce/NUM anger as figures reveal 'legacy of privatisation', reports Seamus Milne

THE proudest boast of Britain's nationalised coal industry was to have created the safest and most advanced mining in the world, in striking contrast to the pre-war death traps run by private owners.

Fears that privatisation and deregulation of the rump of 30-odd deep mines left behind by the mass closures of the past decade might lead to an increase in accidents were dismissed by government ministers as scaremongering.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, even singled out the mining experience this year as proof that the Government could be trusted over BSE and the deregulation of food production.

But the evidence of a sharp deterioration is now piling up. The official figures for the first full year since privatisation, just released by the Health and Safety Executive, reveal an 18 per cent rise in serious accidents between 1994-5 and 1995-6 and an increase from two to five in

mining deaths. While the jump in fatalities could be regarded as a tragic blip, the rise in major injuries from 185 to 169 in an industry now employing fewer than 10,000 miners is more difficult to explain away.

RJB Mining, which bought the bulk of the surviving British Coal collieries at the end of 1994 and is regarded by unions as the safest of the private employers, hangs on to the fact that its overall accident rate fell by 14 per cent last year. But the apparent drop is accounted for by reductions in reported minor accidents, where injured miners are off work for less than three days. Union officials claim the returns for minor accidents are artificially deflated by a combination of incentives and pressures on miners not to report them.

In the RJB pits, while the minor accident rate continued to fall, the serious accident rate per 100,000 shifts increased by 52 per cent between 1994-5 and 1995-6. The figures are even higher when contractors, who carry out de-

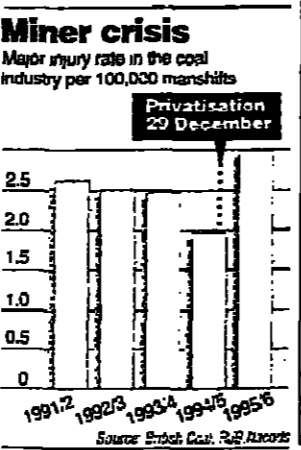
velopment and salvage work and have a substantially worse record than the main employers, are included.

At the National Union of Mineworkers conference in Scarborough at the weekend, delegates attacked the carrot-and-stick methods used to cut reported accidents.

At Wistone in the Selby complex in North Yorkshire, miners won a "clean" accident and attendance record are given prizes — watches and personal stereos. In other pits, injured miners are often called back to work on the pit top after two days away to avoid a serious accident report.

Arthur Scargill, NUM president, told delegates that one of the union's main tasks must be to "resist this climate of intimidation". But RJB, which promises its serious accident figures will be down for the first six months of this year, has just informed the NUM that bilateral safety meetings are to be ended.

As far as Peter McNestry, leader of the pit deputies' union Nacods — whose members have traditionally been responsible for underground safety — is concerned, the rise in serious accidents is explained by deregulation, longer compulsory shifts, the increased use of contractors, the downgrading of the deputies' role and intensified cost-cutting under privatisation: exactly the sort of things Mr Heseltine insisted the Government would never allow to put miners at risk.



## Making most of misfortune

Larry Elliott Economics Editor

CHANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke had three separate targets in his sights when he bowed to the inevitable yesterday and increased his forecasts for public borrowing this year and next.

Although Mr Clarke would have preferred not to have had to admit that the state finances are in a worse position than he thought at Budget-time, he did his best to make some political capital out of his misfortune.

First in the firing line were his big spending ministerial colleagues. The upward revision of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement is being used to instil some fear ahead of the Public Spending Cuts later this month. The warning was simple: rein in your expenditure or forget all hopes of tax cuts.

The Chancellor's second target was the voters. Despite doing his best to downplay expectations of pre-election tax cuts, Mr Clarke wants to give himself maximum scope to come up with a pleasant surprise on Budget day. One way of doing this is to exaggerate the gloom now, something economists believe the Treasury may have done with the PSBR forecasts for 1997-98.

Finally, there is the Labour Party. Mr Clarke was scathing about the dangers posed by the Opposition and is in a position to make life fairly uncomfortable for Gordon Brown should he take over at the Treasury. Spending has been kept under strict control for the past three years, even allowing for the rising cost of financing the PSBR, but further savings are being sought.

City analysts believe the November Budget may contain tax cuts predicted on implausible reductions in public spending, leaving an incoming Labour government with the unenviable choice of devaluing cuts, higher taxation or much

higher borrowing. The figures stack up as follows. In the November 1995 Budget, Mr Clarke predicted that the PSBR — broadly the gap between the state's income and its spending — would be £22.5 billion this year, falling to £16 billion in 1997-98.

But it has been obvious for some time that the troubling undershoot in tax receipts would mean that the Government would miss these targets by a considerable distance.

General government receipts are now expected to be £260.4 billion this year — £4.4 billion lower than estimated at Budget time, with the shortfall spread across all the main sources of revenue — income tax, corporation tax and VAT. General government expenditure, on the other hand, is set to be £292.1 billion in the current financial year, only £200 million higher than anticipated at the time of last November's Budget and a real-terms increase of only 0.25 per cent in the year running up to an election.

The excess of spending over receipts left a general government borrowing requirement of £27.8 billion, which was reduced to £26.9 billion by the boost to state coffers from the profits of public corporations.

Next year the PSBR overshoot is even more pronounced, with a forecast of £23 billion against the £15 billion pencilled in.

Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said that next year's PSBR was "at the cautious end of what is plausible, particularly for income tax and corporation tax".

He noted that since the November Budget the Treasury had lopped £2 billion off its 1997-98 forecasts for income tax, £2.3 billion for corporation tax, but only £0.6 billion for VAT and had left social security receipts unchanged. "Given that the income tax and national insurance bases are pretty similar, that may be a little surprising".

## All out at Inward as entire board prepares to quit

Martyn Halsall and Simon Beavis

THE entire board of Inward, the flagship investment agency for the North-west, is set to resign as part of radical restructuring.

The move follows claims that it has failed to attract major overseas companies to the region.

Proposals for the restructuring, in documents seen by the Guardian, have been drafted by local authorities and senior business leaders increasingly critical of Inward's performance.

News of the shake-up came yesterday as the Government celebrated Britain's most successful year for attracting inward investment.

It is believed that behind the proposals to restructure Inward there is disquiet with the agency's performance in Brussels, within the government's office in the North-west and in the Invest in Britain Bureau, which has a 40 per cent stake in the beleaguered body.

The changes would also mark a tactical victory for the North-west Partnership, founded two years ago to encourage cohesion in a notoriously divided region where scores of competing and uncoordinated bodies have tripped over each other to win investments.

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### News in brief

## Deutsche Bank in four-way split

DEUTSCHE Bank, pressured by shareholders to put profits first, is splitting its business into four separate units in a reshuffle that will give top management more power.

Europe's biggest bank said chief executive Hilmar Kopper will stay in charge of a board overseeing private banking, commercial and institutional banking, investment banking and group services.

Under pressure to abandon money-losing stakes in industry and focus more on banking, Mr Kopper called the long-promised reorganisation "the final stage in the restructuring of the Deutsche Bank group". The plan was approved. — *Bloomberg*

## Lloyds Chemists warning

LLOYDS Chemists, Britain's second biggest pharmaceuticals retailer, yesterday said that profits would fall during the second half of its financial year as a result of uncertainty caused by the DTT's refusal of the two bids for it to the Monopolies Commission.

Lloyds, which is the subject of rival bids from Britain's Unichem and Germany's Gehe, said profits had been "adversely affected" by the uncertainty and costs associated with the bids and their refusal.

Lloyds, which was valued at £645 million by Gehe's all-cash offer and at £523 million by Unichem's cash and paper offer, said it expected the MMC to publish its report on the rival bids by July 22. Lloyds shares closed down 8p at 469p on the warning. — *Ian King*

## Budgens triples profits

SOUTH-EAST supermarket chain Budgens reported tripled profits to £7.6 million for the year to the end of April. The chain continued the pattern of the first half with sales growth in comparable stores of 4.5 per cent, including 3 per cent inflation. The operating profit margin for the year more than doubled to 3.3 per cent.

Some of the gain was due to the elimination of losses incurred last year in the Penny Market discount operation, but profits also increased because of higher sales and margins in the mainstream Budgens stores. Total sales increased by 7 per cent to just over £300 million.

Chief executive John von Spreckelsen said the company would continue to grow sales and margins. Ten new Budgens stores should open this year, while the company is also testing petrol station formats with Q8 and Mobil. — *Roger Coupe*

## L&G sells arm to rival

LEGAL & General has sold its commercial general insurance operation to rival Guardian Royal Exchange for £48 million. The acquisition will be backdated to January 1 and will result in the transfer of £50 million to GRE. L&G said that GRE would assume financial responsibility for the policies and that policyholders, mainly small to medium-sized businesses, would not be affected.

L&G said the sale would result in an exceptional pre-tax profit of £72 million. The disposal will also enable the company to focus more on personal insurance as part of its strategy to become a retail financial services company. Analysts said that commercial premium rates were beginning to decline and that GRE, which is doubling its market share in the commercial business, had paid a full price. — *Pauline Springett*

## Menzies slides

EDINBURGH-based newsagent John Menzies reported a 5.7 per cent slide in pre-tax profits for the year ended May 4 at £35.9 million. The market had expected the decline following a profits warning from the company in January. But managing director Ronald Noel-Paton said that sales had picked up during the second half of the year and that trends were continuing. He added that while high street spending was steadily growing, he did not expect a sudden consumer boom.

The group has been busy revamping its business. Last year, it invested more than £50 million in its operations and focused particularly on new businesses Funsot, THE Games, Transport Services and Samos Universal Office Supplies. — *Pauline Springett*

## Eurocamp in the red

HOLIDAY operator Eurocamp reported a £5.2 million pre-tax loss for the first half of the year, compared to a £5.5 million loss last year. The loss reflected the seasonal nature of the company's core camping business. It was an improvement on the company's core business Eurocamp has since acquired the tour operator Superbreak which has a less seasonal cash flow.

The company warned that its final booking levels for 1996 were expected to be 25 per cent down. It said this was because holiday-makers had been particularly deterred from going to France because of the franc's strength. — *Pauline Springett*



Beated debate... Miner Phil Thatcher demands fair deal for coal at a Commons lobby yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SALLICE

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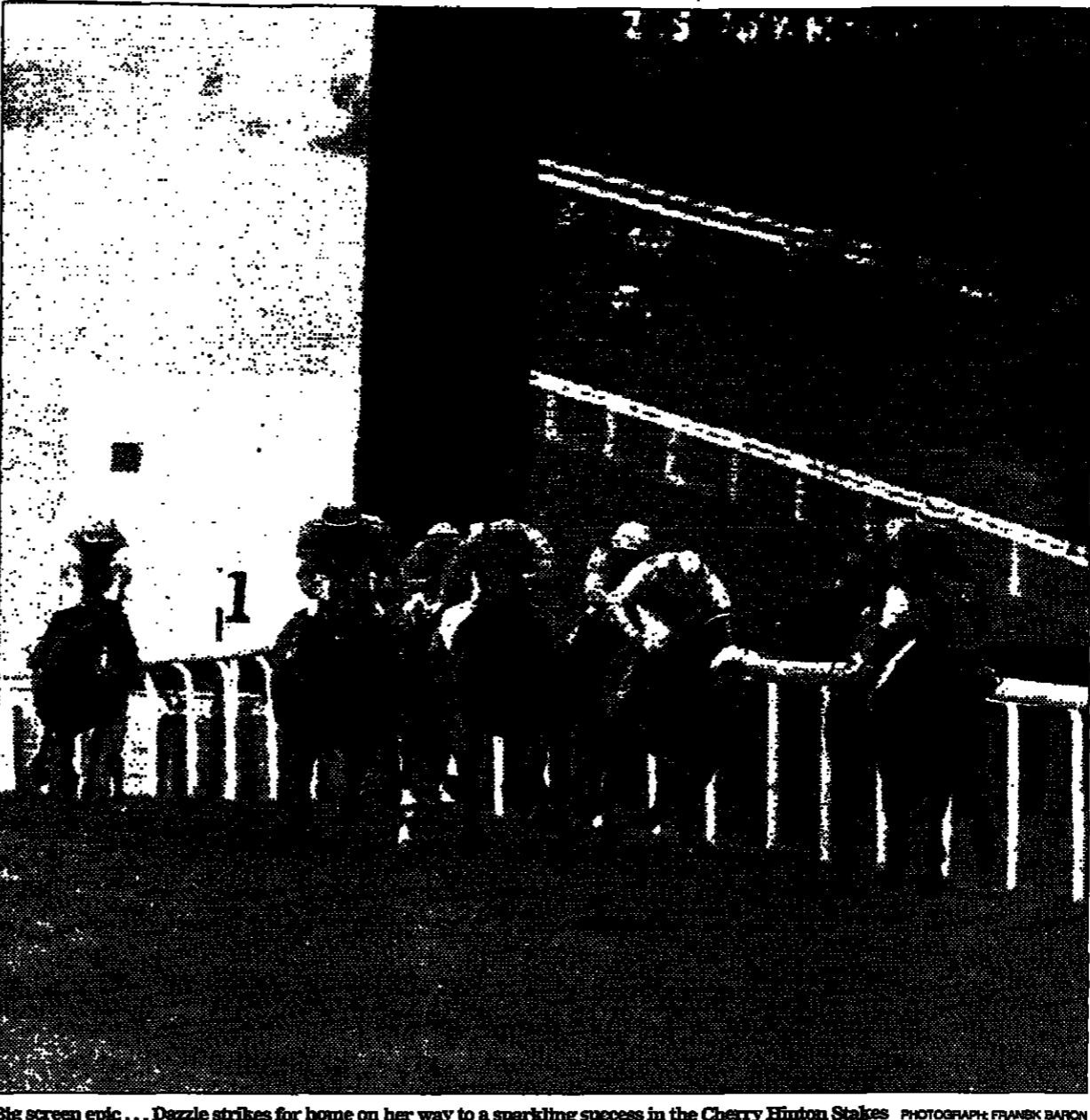
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Dazzle dash earns 7-1 Guineas quote

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Big screen epic... Dazzle strikes for home on her way to a sparkling success in the Cherry Hinton Stakes. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARNON

Going right for Deadly Dudley

AFTER flopping at Royal Ascot, Deadly Dudley is making a last-ditch bid to win the TNT International Aviation July Stakes at Newmarket...

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Cricket

# Asian tiger tweaks Lord's by the tail

David Hoppers on the Indian millionaire who is looking to give the sport its lead

IN THE eyes of Jagmohan Dalmiya, the 1996 World Cup was a triumphant step in his pursuit of power. As secretary of the organising committee, his ruthless manipulation had ensured that the tournament would be the greatest financial bonanza in cricket history.

Dalmiya was convinced that his fitness for one of the world's most influential positions, chairman of the International Cricket Council, had been proved beyond measure. A recognition that the ICC should possess greater authority offered him the prospect of wielding considerable influence.

Dalmiya's opponents viewed the 1996 World Cup in less complimentary light. "Send me a fax," he airily told a World Cup umpire who drew attention to one problem. "Send you a bloody fax!" came the reply. "You never bloody answer them!" Many sympathised with the outburst.

If Dalmiya, through a combination of legal submissions and an assiduous courtship of cricket's minor nations, is elected as ICC chairman at Lord's over the next two days, he stands to forge a reputation over the next four years as one of the greatest power-brokers in sport, a name to mention alongside those of Havalange, Nehrolo and Samaranch. The major changes that he envisages would blow away the last vestiges of cricketing complacency.

Sensing a declining interest in Test cricket throughout Asia, he would seek to reduce drab draws by introducing an overs limit in the first innings. The ICC, cosily housed in the clock tower at Lord's, might move to Dalmiya's power-base in Calcutta.

Globalisation of the game, actively discouraged for much of the century, would begin at a disturbing pace, doubtlessly strengthening that power-base in the process. The ICC has been established almost 90 years and has only nine full members. It insisted last week on the Radio 5 Live programme, Moguls. "The game of cricket

must be globalised. I have already demonstrated that it is possible."

That demonstration encompasses the Asia Cup in Malaysia in September, including such unlikely entrants as Japan, Thailand and Papua New Guinea, followed by the Friendship Cup later that month in the Toronto Skydome in Canada — the first of five annual one-day tournaments between India and Pakistan which he insists will tap an unexpected market.

Dalmiya's independence and strength were underlined at 19 years old when his father refused to sanction his marriage to a Bengali. Dalmiya left home, a courageous response in the 1970s, when the tradition of arranged marriages was rarely challenged. His wife became a motivating force. Dalmiya was encouraged to move into construction and, from virtually nothing, became a millionaire builder in Calcutta. His cricketing career was limited to sporadic appearances for the Rajasthan club in Calcutta.

India's staging of the Nehru Cup in 1989 announced his breakthrough as an administrator. Along with Inderjit Bhindra, he persuaded the prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, to remove control of the tournament from the Indian Board. The tournament was a success and the reputations of Dalmiya and Bhindra were assured.

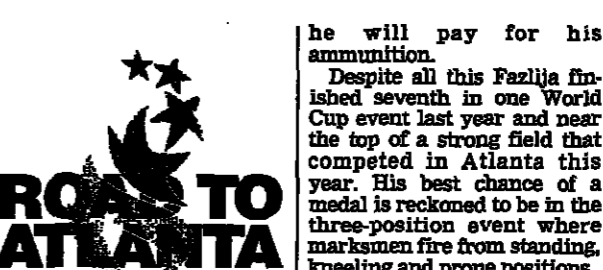
Vote buying is commonplace in Indian cricket — ronaage might take the form of an international fixture, a job as a tour manager, or a place on a select committee — but both men prospered. They dovetailed impressively: Bhindra, as Board president, is regarded as a master of public relations; Dalmiya is a skilful and calculating negotiator. Their mentor is MKP Salve, a former Congress minister who never forgave Lord's for refusing him tickets to the 1983 World Cup final between India and the West Indies at Lord's. At that moment, perhaps, a hostility towards old imperialist attitudes began.



Gunning for glory ... Nedžad Fazlija (right) and Tarik Hodzic in the Olympic village with the Atlanta skyline behind them. PHOTOGRAPH: ELLEN SINGER

# Friendly fire from Bosnia

All over the South Olympics are preparing for the greatest show on earth. The Croatians have landed in Tupelo, Mississippi, the Chinese are in Greenville, South Carolina, and the Moldovans are dreaming of glory in Douglasville, Georgia. For the first of a special series of reports on how the world is gearing up for Atlanta, Ian Katz visits Pell City, Alabama, to meet Bosnia's best prospect for a medal



NEDZAD FAZLIJA is almost certainly the finest marksman in Bosnia but he does not ask him how many enemy soldiers he picked off during his country's ferocious civil war. "I'm a sportsman, not a sniper," he says.

The wiry, bespectacled 28-year-old has grown tired of explaining the distinction but over the next few weeks he will have to do it often; by one of those ironies that conjures a smile from the bleakest of circumstances, he is Bosnia's best prospect for a medal at the Olympics.

For the past two weeks Fazlija and seven other Bosnian competitors have been training in this tiny town, a place so sleepy and unremarkable that motel clerks ask not how long you are staying but how long you are stuck.

Olympics, was destroyed by artillery fire and with it went Fazlija's hope of keeping his skills sharp. It seems natural to wonder if the embattled Bosnian army sought to harness Fazlija's rare talent but he bristles at the suggestion. He will say only that he served as a reserve policeman in Sarajevo and lost an uncle and a cousin in the fighting.

he will pay for his ammunition. Despite all this Fazlija finished seventh in one World Cup event last year and near the top of a strong field that competed in Atlanta this year. His best chance of a medal is reckoned to be in the three-position event where marksmen fire from standing, kneeling and prone positions. Adding to the emotional baggage the Bosnians will carry into the Games, several face competing against former Yugoslav team-mates-turned-enemies.

Desperate for a slice of the Olympic action that will unfold in Atlanta, 100 miles east, the burghers of Pell City subjected their war-weary visitors to a crash course in southern hospitality. "They built an Olympic-standard shooting range for Fazlija and bought a table tennis

table for Tarik Hodzic and a competition-quality wrestling mat for Fahrudin Hodzic. To ease communication they re-christened each athlete with a "Southern Nickname". Fazlija became Ned, Tarik Hodzic became Terry and Fahrudin Hodzic was Rhuddy. The swimmer Djana Krusic will be forever known here as Lady D.

Since the penniless Bosnians were only able to compete in Atlanta because of a grant from the International Olympic Committee, local families put them up and every restaurant in town vied to introduce them to fried chicken and grits. "They said they liked our grease," said Brenda Hamby, a restaurateur who co-ordinated the effort to feed the Olympians.

No family members of the Bosnian Olympians have got to the Games but the athletes can count on support from Pell City residents so infatuated with their charges that many have promised to shave their heads if a Bosnian wins a medal. "That is more than anyone in the Bosnian delegation dares hope for, says Hedis Burdzovic, a 26-year-old student who fled Sarajevo last year as a work as a translator for the team. "I told them the first day I saw them that they won a medal just by showing up."

Malcolm catches Mandela

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Derbyshire have taken a more positive line with their man than Raymond Illingworth ever did, and are happy for Malcolm to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to shake his hero's hand again. "Devon goes with the blessing of our captain Dean Jones," says the county secretary Rag Taylor. "It is a unique opportunity and we do not feel we can deny it him."

Christie rejoins gold rush

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## England v India final scoreboard

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## Lord's refuses to name Sussex player who failed drug test

THE TCCB is refusing to identify a Sussex player said to have taken drugs, even though his second test was also confirmed yesterday as positive, writes David Edgely.

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LONDON CHRISTIE gets back on the gold trail in Nice tonight when he takes on the world champion Donovan Bailey over 100 metres in his 28th race of a hectic summer. The 36-year-old Olympic champion pulled out of the lucrative Oslo meeting last week with hamstring problems.

## Cyclist hopping mad as thief runs off with his mountain bike

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### English secure series but face sterner tests of their resolve

Mike Selvey on the last rites at Trent Bridge



They know it's all over ... players remove the stumps at Trent Bridge at the end of the three-match series against India

**T**HE third and final Test drifted to its predictable end yesterday evening when Mark Ealham, on a nice little roll, took his fourth wicket in the space of 17 balls to mop up the tired remnants of the Indian innings.

Things appear to be moving forwards. Well as India played at times, however, England are aware that the Pakistanis, with their scintillating all-round skills allied to consistency, and already bedding themselves in around the shires, should provide a more searching test over the second half of the summer.

made by younger players — Sourav Ganguly, loaded down with champagne bottles after receiving awards both for Man of the Match and India's Man of the Series, Rahul Dravid and Venkatesh Prasad — and the impact made by Javagal Srinath, a pace bowler of genuine world class, and of course Sachin Tendulkar, batsman of genius and heir apparent to Mohammad Ashraffuddin, whose last Test as captain this may well have been.

comparison with Wasim Akram. Ealham, an enthusiastic batter and a willing bowler not to be underestimated, can be more than satisfied with a debut that brought a half-century and four for 21 from 14 overs yesterday.

candidate for England's Man of the Series. Against that, though, there is the worrying form of Graeme Hick, who when the teams last met finished top of the averages, but who finished bottom of them in this

omously into Patel's innocuous spin until the giant of an unprecedented third successive century in his first three Test innings lit up in his eyes. Misfortune took a hand, however, and he had made 49, with eight fours, when he played Cork down and back on to his stumps. The second wicket had added 86 though, putting India firmly into credit while using valuable time.

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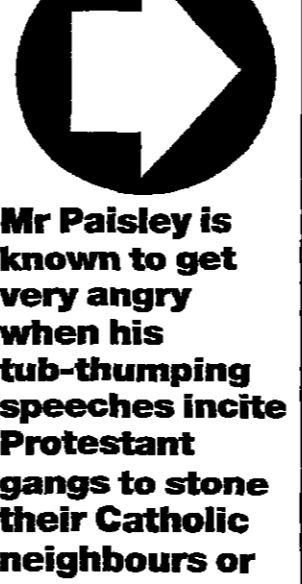
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Mr Paisley is known to get very angry when his tub-thumping speeches incite Protestant gangs to stone their Catholic neighbours or burn them out of their homes. It now appears these sectarian hot-heads have failed to grasp that he shouldn't be taken literally: he is prone to telling jokes. Roy Greenslade

### Guardian Crossword No 20,701

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**Across**

- Excavation is back: enter Arab chief, flexible if pressed (4-5)
- See 22
- This 25 is lemon 25, by the sound of it (4)
- Words of the newly rich (5)
- Ready to wear though not hung properly? (3,3,3)
- Food setter ate while entertaining relation (4,3)
- Producer of the English carot gone broke (7)
- Picture is baffling: is it the end of play or thorough-going dentistry? (7,6)
- Putting together a measure with big and little ends (10-3)
- A runner in the Oaks, say, leaves off (7)
- Has Richard enough power to go round in case it brings light? (11)

**Down**

- Lacking posh background, finds females d— awkward (4-4)
- Nick's black girl? (5)
- Proles' accent is upsetting for the new kids (9,5)
- Try poem at gig: I dropped a brick (4,3)
- Something missing — its ears, for hearing? (7)
- It gives one a taste for tripe and peas (9)
- How much for a personal appearance? (9)

## Why the best seats are in the marquee



Vincent Hanna

**T**HE fellows in the executive boxes are lucky," Stan Boardman once said. "They can draw the curtains." He was talking about Goodison Park, but it could have been Trent Bridge. At Lord's, on dull days, box-folk can slide into their back room and drink.

John explained, but he will lose to the top players until he builds himself up and gets more power. Funnily enough, that's what they used to say about a tall gangly youth called Richard Krafciek. Sadly, the rain hardly affected the Test match and we were forced to watch five days of cricket on a lifeless pitch.

On Tuesday morning Geoff Boycott berated the groundsman, who gloomily promised to "do something" for next year. "If something isn't done," snapped Geoffrey, "we might need 10 days to get a result." "We might have to get better bowlers," replied Richie Bennett tartly. "What happened to Anil Kumble? I am a great fan of the leg-spinner from Bangalore. Last summer, playing for Northants, he was the best bowler in England — the only cricketer to take 100 wickets — and the first to do it since 1991."

I said so at breakfast yesterday. My wife's head poked over the top of The Guardian. "He deserves a lot of credit," she said. As she regards cricket and antrax as much the same thing, I was surprised. "For a one-legged batsman to play at all is amazing," she said, pointing to the picture on the back page.

**H**AD two more frustrating experiences. When Nigel Benn fell over in round four of his fight with Steve Collins, it was hard to tell what injury he sustained. But the sordid cynicism of the fight game was underpinned by events afterwards: "I'd like to thank Nigel for giving me this payday," beamed Collins.

Nigel then announced his traditional retirement from boxing. Of course it was good (or even "charming" as some called it) for a black player to make the final. But was it really necessary to burden Malivai Washington with the role of representing his entire race. The problem is in the game, not with him.

As for Tim Henman, the BBC redeemed itself by transmitting an interview with John McEnroe, who knows a thing or two. Tim can play, but he is human after all. But I just cannot make myself believe that.

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